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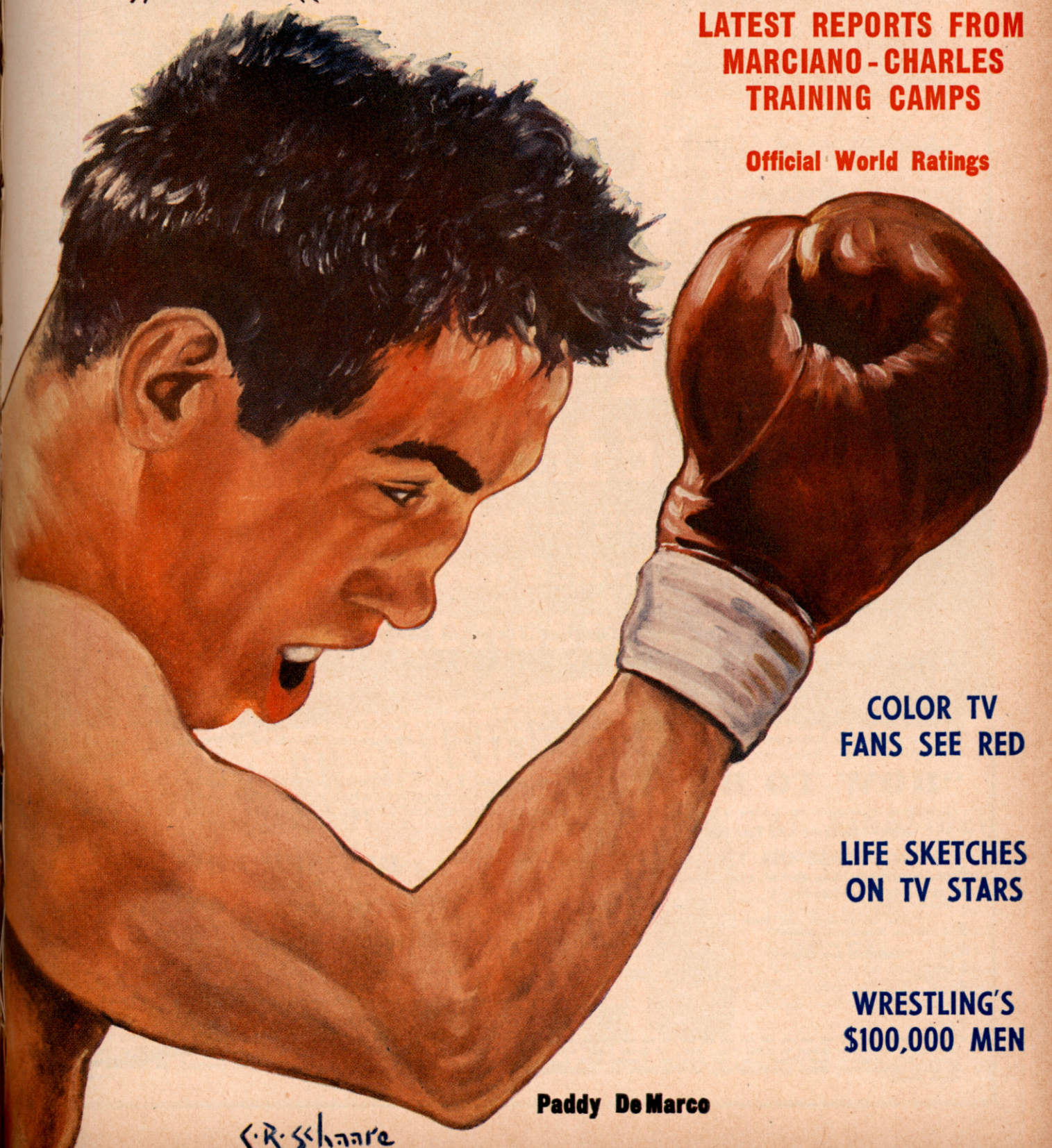

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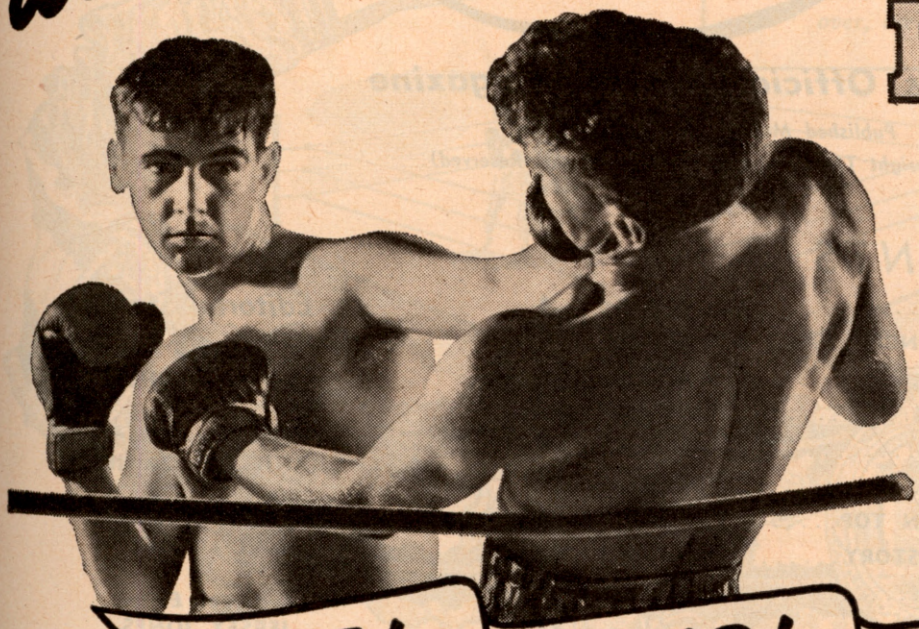

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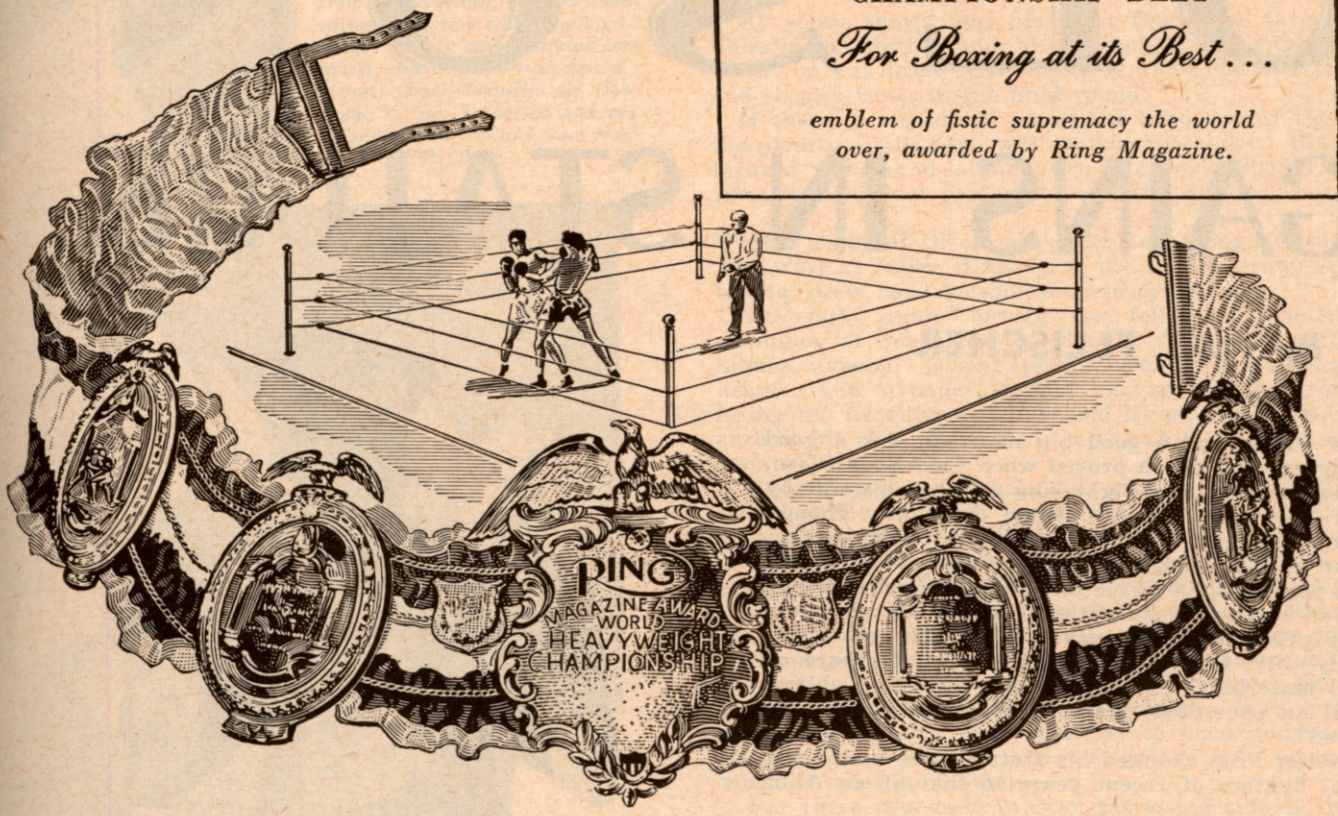

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OLSON GAINS IN STATURE

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE old adage that a good big man can lick a good small fighter was again proved when Carl Bobo Olson, Hawaiian-born middleweight king retained his title by defeating Kid Gavilan in the Chicago Stadium. Though the defending champion had to be satisfied with a split decision—one of the judges voting a draw—the 18,352 patrons who paid $334,000 to see the mill, were well satisfied that Olson had won and was entitled to a clean-cut decision.

Like many previous championship fights that took place in the Windy City, this one left in its wake its share of controvertial material.

Is Gavilan an overrated fighter? Was his right hand really injured?

Has the welter king changed his status from one of the most colorful fighters of recent years to that of an Alibi Kid?

Did the Illinois Boxing Commission fumble badly by ignoring time-honored regulations for a title bout by permitting the fighters to be weighed in with portions of their clothes, thus depriving posterity from having an accurate weight recorded for so important a fight?

Has the newly accepted National Boxing Association's ten points must system of scoring proved a dud?

There are important points that have been left hanging in the air for arguments pro and con. But one thing is certain—Olson won the bout and retained his title in a fairly fought, at times furious combat which satisfied the close to sell out gathering and left no doubt in the minds of the fans who is the master.

NOW that these respective champions of the middleweight and welter class have settled the matter of supremacy, what holds for the future? Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club that has an exclusive contract for the services of each, let known his plans by announcing that he has signed Olson for a title defense against Joey Giardello for either the Polo Grounds or Yankee Stadium the third week in September and his hopes to arrange a welterweight championship contest between Gavilan and Carmen Basilio for July.

The former fight will depend on the outcome of the Charles-Marciano bout. If Charles wins, Norris will put on a return bout the first week in September in New York between this pair and shift the middleweight bout for the last week in September, just before the baseball world's series gets under way.

Both Olson's manager, Sid Flaherty, and Norris figure that in Giardello they have an opponent for Olson who can draw the most money. He is a puncher, a sturdy middleweight who can stand up under punishment and has a huge following. His popularity in the East should be a good selling point in the publicity and should make the bout a huge financial success. Furthermore, he has the best chance of any middleweight to dethrone the champ.

Jim Norris, asked to comment on the report from England that Jack Solomons expects to have Olson defend his title against Randy Turpin in London, replied that he won't permit any title holder whose contract he holds, to go abroad to defend his crown. "Any title defenses will have to take place in our country", he said, "and so far as Turpin is concerned, we have plenty of good material here and no longer consider Turpin as a challenger. He's out".

THE joust between Olson and Gavilan followed a set pattern. One had decided to carry the fight to his challenger opponent and Gavilan had planned to overcome the advantages of the defending champion through speed and agility. Unfortunately for the Cuban, however, he had failed to take into consideration his added weight—a problem he couldn't overcome.

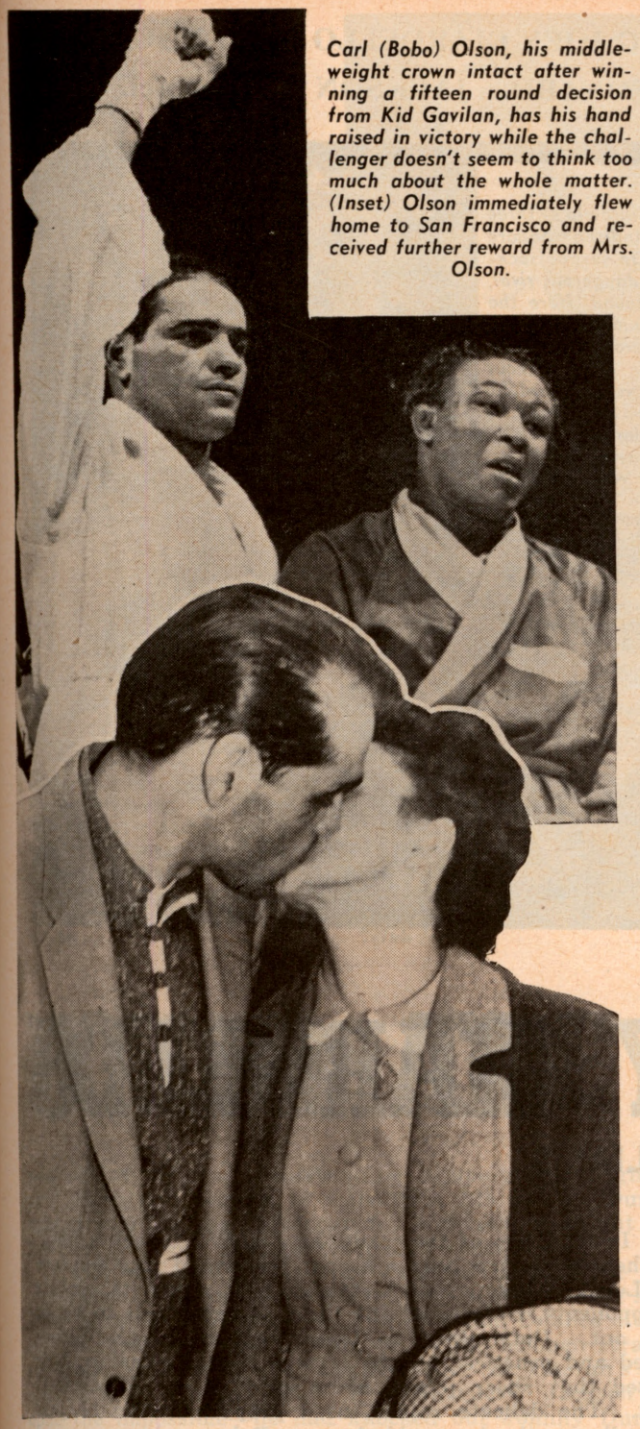
Entering the ring at 155 pounds plus, the chunkiest he ever scaled for a fight of importance, though he weighed 157 for Johnny Cunningham, the extra poundage reduced his speed and made him a mark for the ever-firing Olson who, once he gained the upper hand, kept up a steady attack that brought him victory. He took charge by taking the play away from the Hawk after the third round.

He gave the Keed little time to rest between flurries and little space to work his favorite bolo punch effectively. Only once in the entire fight, in the eighth round, did the Cuban succeed in landing the blow and it brought rounds of applause and cheers from his admirers.

Olson wasn't always in command but once he did take over, he made certain to keep it. In no field of fistic operations was he overshadowed. Olson was well primed for every trick his opponent carried into the ring.

IN every championship fight there usually is some alibi offered by the loser and in Kid Gavilan we find no exception. Though he was reluctant to belittle his opponent's victory by offering excuses, he was forced into it by his manager, Angel Lopez, who insisted that the Cuban had injured his right hand weeks before against Cunningham as a result of which he was forced to favor it in the Olson fight.

If such is the case, then Lopez and Gavilan deserve to be punished for deceiving the public that paid a record gate to see Gavilan and Olson at their best. The boxing commission, following rumors among the betting gentry, received an assurance from the welter king and his mentor that the report was false.



Carl (Bobo) Olson, his middleweight crown intact after winning a fifteen round decision from Kid Gavilan, has his hand raised in victory while the challenger doesn't seem to think too much about the whole matter. (Inset) Olson immediately flew home to San Francisco and received further reward from Mrs. Olson.

Though following the defeat, Lopez insisted that his statement was true and that the Cuban challenger had flopped because he couldn't use his right, little stock is taken in the alibi. His own physician and the commission examiners dispute the point.

Gavilan is not the type to offer excuses, hence the surprise that he permitted Lopez to do so for him. He was beaten fairly by a bigger, better trained, sharper hitting and stronger fighter.

The defeat of the Cuban was brought about by the technique employed by a good fighting middleweight whose plan of attack was suited for the style employed by the welter title holder.

Though Gavilan didn't use his right as frequently and as effectively as in the past, following the alibi, I examined my score sheets. Unlike most scribes, it has been a steady practice of mine in all championship fights to record every punch and my tally shows that Gavilan used his right 71 times.

That apparently doesn't jibe with the reports of his manager and the scribes who favored him to beat Olson that he didn't use his right. True, many were blocked by the excellent defense of the defending champion and others didn't carry too much force, but tossed they were and if Gavilan suffered an injury, he never would have hurled that many at Olson.

My count shows that his right found the target eleven times in the ninth round, his best; eight in the thirteenth in which he cut loose with a flurry that disconcerted Bobo and sixteen times in the final round.

If there is any doubt about the accuracy of the counts, the picture of the fight will confirm the above. Blaming an injured right hand is poppycot. No credit should be taken from the excellent performance of the winning champion.

THE victory of Olson was clean cut, though close but not as close as Judge Hintz made it. Hintz's draw, 144 points to 144, drew considerable adverse criticism.

The fight again proved the folly of permitting the champion of one class to go after the crown in the next higher division. Olson, steadier, smarter, more aggressive, heavier and stronger, forged his way to the front after losing the first three rounds and by putting constant pressure on his rival, prevented the Cuban from again assuming such a lead.

He got inside Gavilan's wide swings, played a tattoo on the Keed's body when the Cuban cut loose with a flurry, accepted the Keed's invitation to swap blows at close range, and gave punch-for-punch in such exchanges. He handled every problem that presented itself with such expertness, he proved to the satisfaction of the close to sell-out house that he belongs just where he is—at the top of the division.

Olson gained in stature by his fine performance. He had the antidote for every move of his opponent. He used his weight to advantage, checked long range blows with elbows or side steps, shot short punches to head and body when Gavilan came in close, and was pretty even on exchanges when it came to jabbing.

For three rounds he was on the losing side of the ledger but once he tested his opponent and figured out his style, he fearlessly stepped in, became the aggressor, and wasted no more time to overcome the lead and to pile up sufficient points to make certain of victory.

Gavilan was neither strong enough to cope with his seasoned, determined, grim-visaged opponent nor fast enough at his heavy poundage to use his greatest asset—the speed that hitherto had dazzled his rivals. He had bitten off more than he could chew.

OLSON had been tabbed as strictly an infighter whose best blows were body punches but against Gavilan he used plenty of head punches with effectiveness. His attacks were persistent and accurate.

The contest was not a thriller such as was expected, but there was sufficient action at all times to keep the fans satisfied. Had not Referee Weissman, who did an amateur job as third man in the ring, interfered with the boys, the scrap would have been more interesting. What he had against Gavilan at whom he continuously gazed and several times warned, is still a mystery.

His interference when the fighters were engaged in a thrilling exchange with neither at any time holding, came as a shock to the veterans who have been accustomed to seeing the best available officials appointed for so important an international match. Weissman just didn't belong in such a contest. He's a novice in handling a title fight and the Illinois Commission should have taken better precautions.

By voting the split decision, Gavilan got far more credit than was due him. Judge Ed Hintz, a Chicago banker, who had the tally even on the ten point must scoring system, actually had Olson ahead, 6–4 and 5 even, but in points tallied it a draw.

Judge O'Connell saw it 147 to 139 in points, but like Hintz, he had the same round-by-round score.

And as for Referee Bernie Weissman, he scored it 147 to 141 in points for Olson but gave Gavilan two rounds, called six even and seven for Olson.

My score card showed Olson ahead 8 rounds to seven and 143 points to 141 according to the Illinois system. Nat Loubet, "The Ring's" Associate Editor who also was at the ringside, tabbed it 10 rounds to 4 for Olson with one even.

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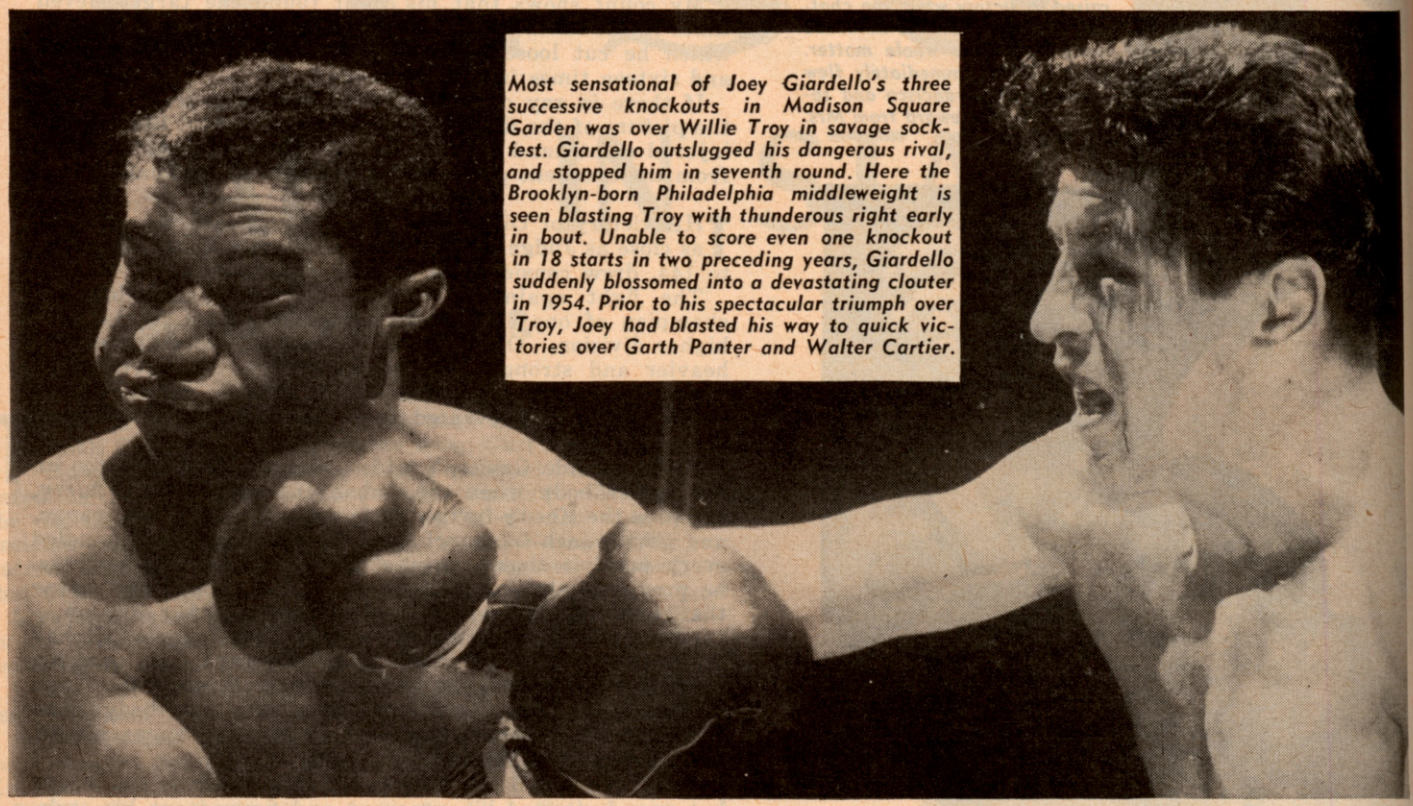


Most sensational of Joey Giardello's three successive knockouts in Madison Square Garden was over Willie Troy in savage sock-fest. Giardello outslugged his dangerous rival, and stopped him in seventh round. Here the Brooklyn-born Philadelphia middleweight is seen blasting Troy with thunderous right early in bout. Unable to score even one knockout in 18 starts in two preceding years, Giardello suddenly blossomed into a devastating clouter in 1954. Prior to his spectacular triumph over Troy, Joey had blasted his way to quick victories over Garth Panter and Walter Cartier.

JOEY GIARDELLO

By BILLY WILLIAMS

ONE of the most intriguing features of the ring's recent developments has been the transformation of Joey Giardello from a rugged, fairly clever boxer into a devastating clouter.

After going through two complete years, 1952 and 1953, without stopping even one opponent in eighteen starts, the Brooklyn-born Philadelphia middleweight suddenly blossomed into a knockout specialist in 1954. His first three outings this year, all in Madison Square Garden, produced stunning kayos of Garth Panter, Walter Cartier and Willie Troy.

Where, and how, did Giardello find the secret of hitting properly? Did it come to him through study and practice, or did it "just happen," like an accident?

Punchers, like poets, are supposed to be born, not made. And most of them are. Such noted blasters as Bob Fitzsimmons, Terry McGovern, Joe Gans, Aurelio, Herrera, Sam Langford, Stanley Ketchel, George (K.O.) Chaney, Jack Dempsey, Paul Berlenbach, Jack Delaney, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano didn't have to learn how to punch. They had the knack, or gift, from the beginning.

But other fighters, who became celebrated as lethal larrupers, weren't always so. Outstanding examples were Benny Leonard, Willie Jackson and Jimmy McLarnin, a trio of brilliant boxers who didn't acquire punching ability until they were well advanced along the fistic trail.

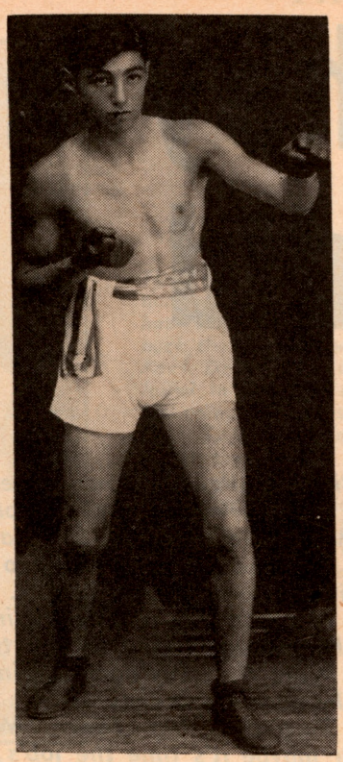
LEONARD was a frail youngster when he began fisticuffing. Because of his lack of strength and ruggedness, he couldn't afford to swap punches with more robust rivals, so he concentrated on speed and boxing, and developed into one of the fastest and cleverest performers in the lightweight class. In the lingo of the trade, he couldn't "punch a lick." But there never has been a keener student of ring warfare than Leonard. Benny wasn't satisfied to go along outpointing his opponents. He wanted the thrill of being able to knock them out. Determined to learn how to punch, Benny studied and practiced by the hour in the gymnasium. He realized that sheer power alone didn't make a knockout artist. The delicate rapier, used properly, could be just as deadly as the heavy bludgeon. Balance, leverage and timing were important factors. Benny concentrated on coordinating them. Eventually he found the right answer. A sharpshooter, Leonard perfected punches that didn't have to travel more than a few inches to wreck their victims.

When Leonard scored his first notable knockout—over ranking Joe Mandot of New Orleans at the Harlem Sporting Club in New York—the public was inclined to shrug it off as an accident. It wasn't. It was the beginning of Leonard's spectacular career as one of the great punchers of history. When Benny won the lightweight title at Manhattan Casino, he did it by battering Freddie Welsh into a knockout—the first and only time the superbly clever, ringwise Briton ever was stopped.

JACKSON was a fellow-New Yorker and contemporary of Leonard's. Like Benny, Willie was not too rugged when he began boxing and he relied upon speed and cleverness to carry him along.

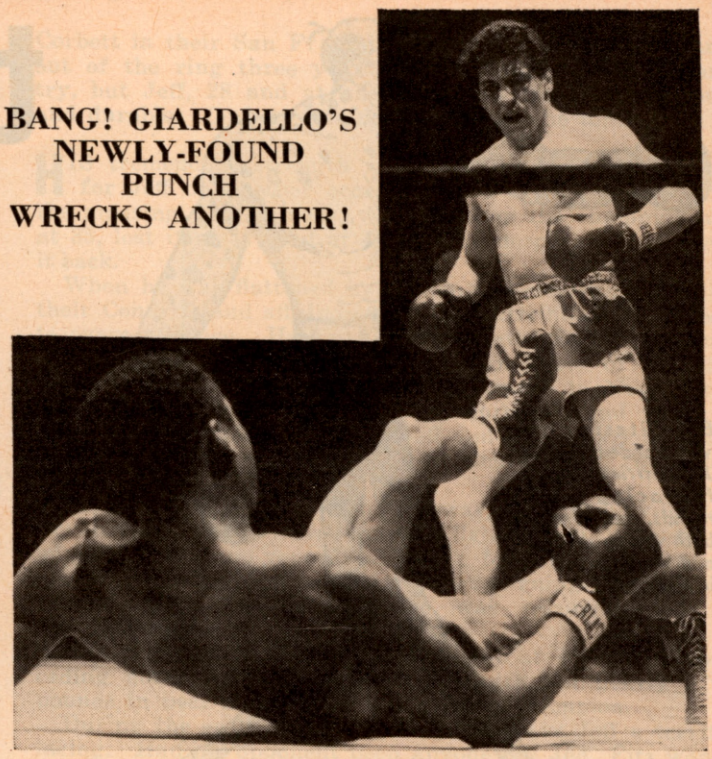
Jackson had become a popular attraction in Philadelphia when the great Johnny Dundee was brought in to meet him. Despite Willie's fancy style, Dundee wasn't expected to have much trouble with him. The "Scotch-Wop", as he was called,

Benny Leonard, one of ring's keenest students, who started his career as a fast, clever but light-hitting boxer. Benny concentrated on learning to punch properly and developed into one of the sport's great knockout artists.



Willie Jackson, as he looked when he stunned the sports world by flattening Johnny Dundee. That startling victory changed Jackson overnight from speedy but harmless boxer into aggressive, hard-punching "club fighter."

BANG! GIARDELLO'S NEWLY-FOUND PUNCH WRECKS ANOTHER!



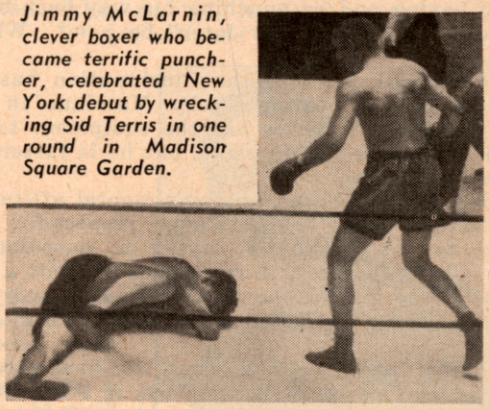
Giardello nearly finished Troy in riotous first round, when he slugged the Washingtonian to the canvas twice. Willie is seen here going down for the second time. The bell saved him. Troy was dropped again in second, but staged gallant comeback until Giardello's heavy bombardment finally stopped him in seventh. The victory was Joey's third straight knockout in Madison Square Garden, and established the former light-hitting Philadelphian as one of the hardest punchers in the middleweight class.

FOUND: THE BIG PUNCH

was one of the ring's outstanding campaigners. Fighting nine years, and veteran of more than 125 battles, Dundee ranked as a leading contender for both featherweight and lightweight titles. He had never been knocked out.

Dundee was inclined to take Jackson lightly. The first round had hardly started when Johnny decided to have some "fun" with the youngster. To bewilder him, Dundee did his famous rope trick. As he bounced off the hempen strands, something miscalculated somewhere, and the veteran's chin collided with a lusty right. The "harmless" Jackson had done the impossible—he had knocked out Johnny Dundee, and in one round!

With that spectacular victory, Jackson's style changed overnight. No longer was Willie satisfied to use speed and cleverness to outpoint an opponent. He became an exciting "club fighter"—an aggressive, two-fisted slugger and knockout specialist.



Jimmy McLarnin, clever boxer who became terrific puncher, celebrated New York debut by wrecking Sid Terris in one round in Madison Square Garden.

THROUGH nearly five years as fly, bantam and feather, McLarnin had built up a reputation along the Pacific Coast as a nifty boxer, but not much of a puncher. Growing into a lightweight, the Vancouver Irishman decided to head eastward. His first stop was in Chicago, where he was matched with the former world featherweight champion, Louis (Kid) Kaplan.

Kaplan figured to be too strong and durable for the clever but frail McLarnin. But advance calculations misfired. The frail McLarnin turned out to be a thunderous puncher. The Kid was knocked out in the eighth round!

New Yorkers couldn't believe it. They wanted to see the fighter who could knock out Kaplan, and Jimmy was invited to appear in Madison Square Garden. His opponent was the most formidable opponent the promoters could offer—the dazzling Sid Terris, generally regarded as the world's best lightweight, even though he didn't hold the title.

McLarnin came, saw and conquered with a startling one-round knockout!

His sensational victories over Kaplan and Terris were no mere flashes in the McLarnin fistic pan. Jimmy went on from there to prove convincingly that the one-time clever but harmless boxer had become one of the hardest hitters in the business. First as a lightweight, then a welter, McLarnin put together a brilliant knockout record, and when he won the 147-pound title from Young Corbett III in Los Angeles, he did it with the fastest kayo in the division's titular history. He needed only one round to flatten Corbett!

Jackson didn't become champion, but Leonard and McLarnin did—when they added The Punch to speed and skill. Will history do some repeating now with Joey Giardello?

they nearly did

By JERSEY JONES

Bob Fitzsimmons, who handed powerful Jim Jeffries a frightful lacing for six rounds, but wrecked both hands doing it, and was knocked out in eighth.

History tells us it's never been done,
Ex-heavyweight champs don't come back;
Many have tried it but so far not one
Has been able tradition to crack.
Fitzsimmons . . . Corbett . . . they couldn't cope,
Nor Dempsey and Schmeling and such;
They failed in their efforts to upset the dope—
Were the odds against winning too much?
The parade marches on . . . Now Charles is the one
To get the big chance. Will he rue it?
Or maybe it's time the job's finally done,
And Ezz is the guy who will do it.

ALMOST—

BECAUSE something's never been done is no reason it can't be. History and tradition may be all against an erstwhile heavyweight champion of the world regaining his lost laurels, but history and tradition aren't entirely infallible in predicting future developments in any field of human endeavor—science, politics, war or sports. Eventually, there's a first time in everything.

Sooner or later, the ring will come up with an ex-heavyweight champion capable of boxing and/or punching his way back to the top of the heap. And why couldn't that "sooner or later" be *now?* Why couldn't Ezzard Charles be the one?

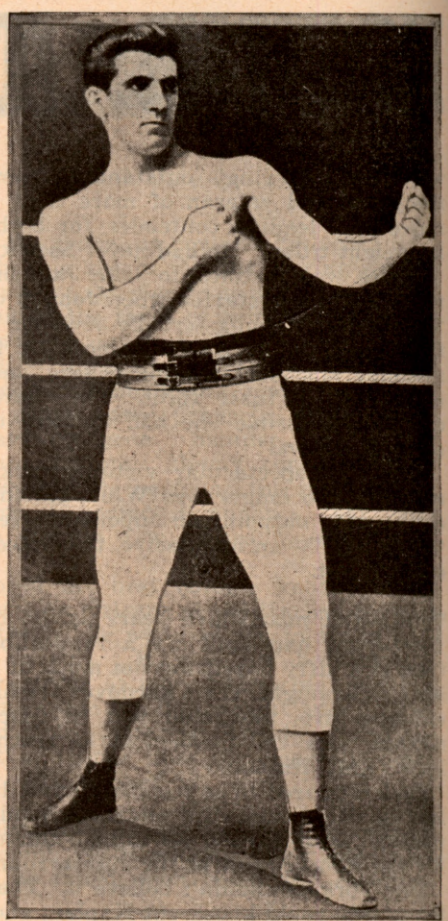
It must be conceded that the Cincinnatian has something better than an "outside" chance of beating Rocky Marciano in their forthcoming Yankee Stadium meeting. Charles has the equipment to do it. He may not be as rugged or as durable as Marciano, but he is faster, a better boxer and a more experienced campaigner.

Much depends, of course, on Ezz's mental attitude and plan of battle as he goes into action. If he holds too much respect for Marciano's punching power, and elects to box cautiously, trying to outpoint the crude but dangerous champion, Charles is likely to run smack-dab into a pile of trouble and probable disaster somewhere along the way. Fifteen rounds can be a long, long distance to hold off a strong, persistent slugger like Rocky.

ON the other hand, or fist, what if Charles reasons: "I'm not afraid of Marciano. This is my last chance, if I fluff it, I'm finished. So why try to play it safe? Why not shoot for All or Nothing? I'm faster than Rocky; why not gamble on punching it out with him? He's used to chasing the other guy. What will happen if *I* chase *him?* Rocky isn't hard to hit, and he can be hurt. Walcott proved it in their first bout. If old Pappy Joe could knock him down and almost out with practically the first punch of the fight, why should I have any trouble hitting him? Maybe I'm not a one-punch knockerout, but I can hit hard enough to hurt anybody, and once I hurt Marciano I'll know what to do about it."

In the ante-bellum observations on the bout, there has been a tendency to stress the Youth vs. Experience angle, which is considerably out of order. In ring competition, Charles may be an aging veteran compared to Marciano, but in actual years there isn't much difference between them, and it's somewhat on the ridiculous side to feature Rocky's supposed advantage in "youth." If Charles is no budding adolescent, neither is Marciano. Ezzard will be 33 on July 7. In the statistics released to the populace, Rocky will be 30 on September 1—and there's a strong suspicion in some quarters that even this not so youthful figure has been short-changed for the records and Rocky really is a couple of years older.

Jim Corbett was on his way to regaining title when he ran into sudden disaster in 23rd round with Jeffries.



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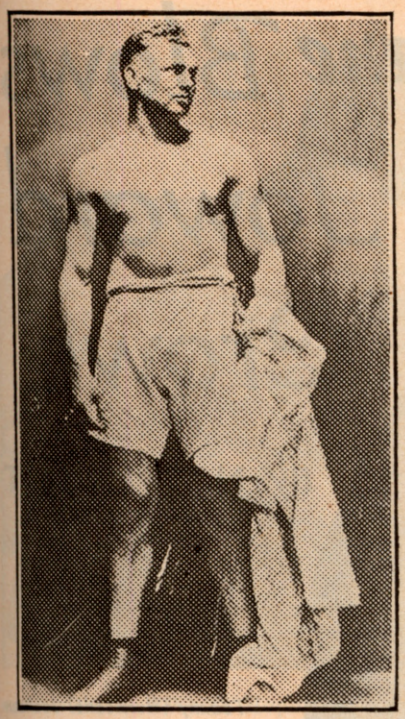

The nearest any ex-heavyweight champion has come to winning back the title was when Jack Dempsey (left) failed to head for neutral corner after blasting Gene Tunney to canvas. Benefitting from the extra seconds of grace in that historic "Battle of the Long Count," Tunney recovered and Dempsey's big chance was lost.

ALMOST—

In physical measurements, there's little to choose between the rivals. Charles will have slightly the better of it in height and reach, but there's not apt to be more than a pound or two difference on the scales. Each expects to come in at or about 185.

Once again, as in the historic cases of Jim Corbett vs. Jim Jeffries and Gene Tunney vs. Jack Dempsey, we have the contrasting styles of boxer and fighter—the fine-edged rapier against the powerful bludgeon.

It's a bout in which anything can happen once that opening bell clangs—and something with a very good chance of happening is Ezzard Charles becoming the first ex-heavyweight champion in ring history to recover his lost laurels.

THIS will be Charles' second attempt to regain the title. He failed in his previous try when he boxed too cautiously against Walcott in Philadelphia, and permitted Pappy Joe to win the decision in a dull fifteen-rounder. Any sort of aggressiveness on Charles' part in the closing stanzas probably would have paid off with victory, as Walcott was a puffing, tired old man, ready to be "taken." Ezzard, however, thought he was winning on points, and his miscalculations and reluctance to gamble on a more decisive result cost him the fight and the title.

Of the many ex-heavyweight champions who failed in their efforts to win back the title, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack Dempsey came the nearest to success.

After losing the laurels to Fitzsimmons in Carson City, Nevada, in 1897, Corbett was twice accommodated by Fitz's successor, Jim Jeffries. They met first in Coney Island in 1900, then in San Francisco in 1903. It was in the Coney Island episode that Gentleman Jim, then 34, but in superb condition, came so close to victory. Had the bout been limited to the fifteen-round distance prevalent today, Corbett would have won. But the fight was over the twenty-five-round route, and it was a bit too long. At the end of the twenty-second, Corbett was far in front. He had been entirely too fast, too clever and too ringwise for the powerful but crude boilermaker.

It was midway through the twenty-third that Corbett met up with sudden disaster. In pulling away from one of Jeff's ponderous swings, Jim backed into the ropes. The punch, a right, missed him, but the rebound from the ropes threw Corbett into the path of a follow-up left hook. Corbett tried to duck but he wasn't fast enough. The punch exploded against his chin, and that was that.

An improved Jeffries didn't need so long to dispose of Corbett in their San Francsico engagement. Then 37, and out of the ring three years, the veteran made a gallant try, but Jeff, 28 and at his peak, was too young, strong and durable. Corbett was polished off in the tenth.

HIS tremendous strength and ruggedness saved the title for Jeff on another occasion—in a return match with the amazing Fitzsimmons, who had won the championship at 35, lost it at 37, and at 40 made a desperate bid to get it back.

When he was flattened by Jeff in the eleventh round of their Coney Island affair in 1899, Fitz attributed his defeat to overconfidence. He had underestimated Jeff and hadn't trained too seriously. From what he had seen of Big Jim in California and one previous appearance in New York, Ruby Robert hadn't been unduly impressed, and when it came to a showndown between Jeff and Tom Sharkey as an opponent in a championship bout, he picked Jeff as the softer assignment.

Decisively beaten though he was, the spindly-legged Cornishman, little more than a light-heavy, refused to admit Jeff was too young and strong for him. Bob blamed himself for the defeat, and began campaigning for a return match. Three years later he was accommodated in San Francisco.

Fitz really trained for this bout, but at 40 he was conceding not only thirteen years in youth but nearly fifty pounds in beef and brawn to the burly champion.

During the early going, the Old Man gave Jeff a terrific lacing. Had his opponent been anyone but Jeff, Fitz would have regained the title in that battle. It seemed incredible that any man could have stood up under the savage battering Bob tossed into the giant California. A thunderous puncher, Fitz teed off time and again and fired his heftiest bombs at the champion. By the end of the sixth round, the big fellow's face was an unholy shambles and his body a sickening mass of welts and bruises. Gore was streaming from Jeff's torn lips, gashed eyebrows and mashed nose; his left eye was completely shut and the right one closing rapidly.

But there was no stopping Jeff, the human grizzly. Battered, bruised and bleeding, he continued to bore in, taking everything Fitz could throw at him, and relying upon his strength and durability to wear down the veteran. They did. With both fists bruised and sore from his futile bombarding of Jeff, Fitz wilted perceptibly in the seventh. When the eighth started, it was obvious he couldn't last

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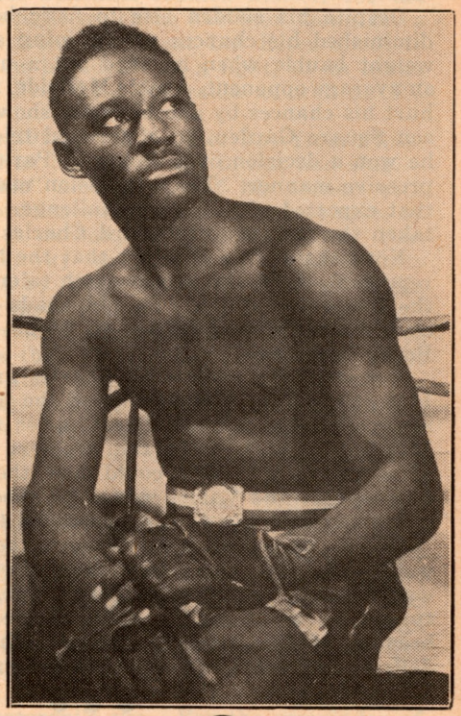

Ezzard Charles, the latest in the long line of former champions to strive for the heights again, is confident he will succeed where the others failed. Ezzard has the equipment to do it, but will his speed, skill and generalship prove sufficient to offset Rocky Marciano's strength, durability and punch?

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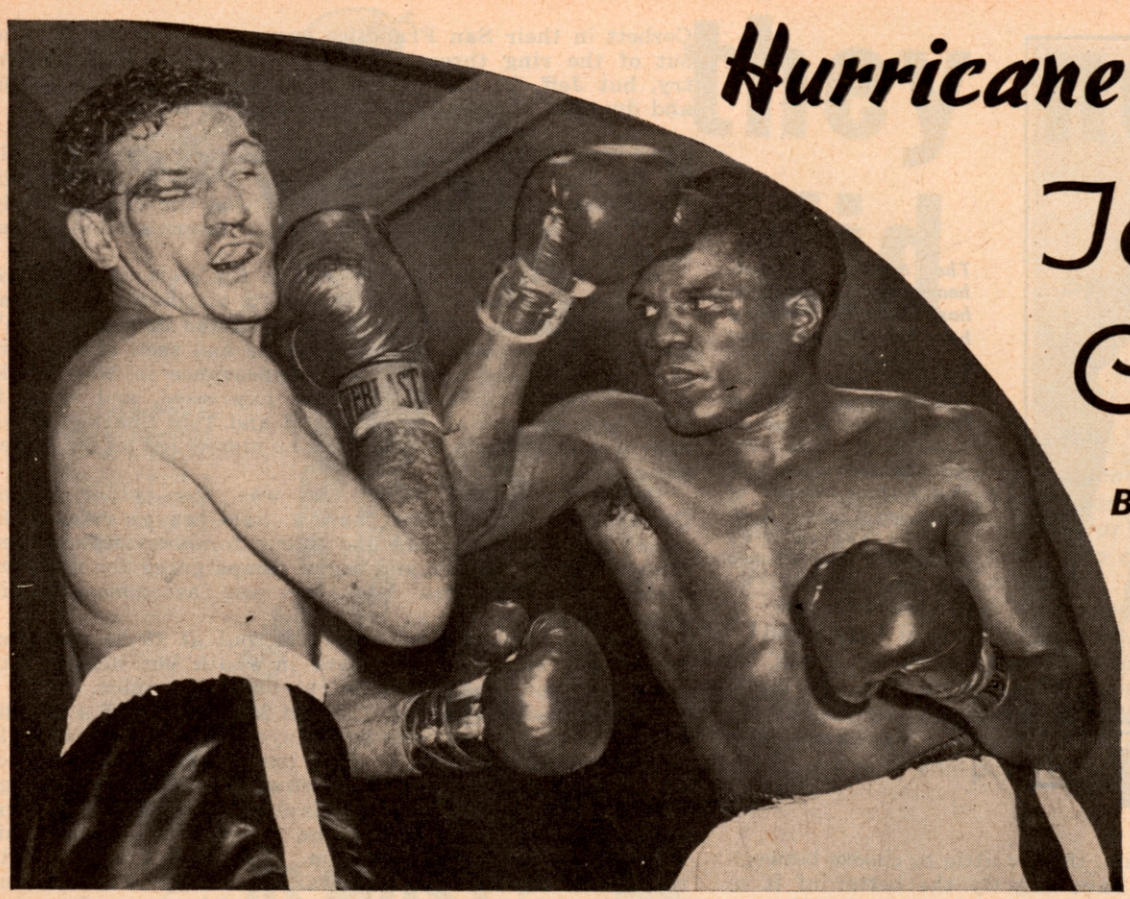
Hurricane Blows Toward Crown

By NAT LOUBET



Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson (right) blew up quite a storm at the Eastern Parkway Arena when he halted third ranking heavyweight Dan Bucceroni. A right has found its mark with Bucceroni too late to cover up.

THE heavyweight situation is far from looking as dismal as it did a few months back. Until recently only the old standbys, Ezzard Charles, Roland La Starza and Dan Bucceroni could be seriously considered as a worthy challenger for Rocky Marciano's heavyweight crown. Now the tide has turned.

There was a new face in Nino Valdes who had gained an upset victory in decisive fashion by knocking out hard hitting Omelio Agramonte, the heavyweight champion of Cuba. Then he followed with a surprise win over the highly favored Ezzard Charles.

Despite his sudden rise to fistic heights Valdes greatly diminished his chances of obtaining a crack at the heavyweight bauble when he eked out a unconvincing win over an average opponent, Archie McBride, in Havana. He further hurt his chances by another poor showing, this one in Madison Square Garden, on a national television hook-up, when he won a decision over James J. Parker, again in an unimpressive manner. The impression made by Valdes was not that expected of a leading challenger who had rather easily taken the measure of Ezzard Charles.

Notwithstanding the fact that the heavyweight class had repeatedly been shy of top notch talent, the years mellowed the memories of the wise old heads and the hue and cry could be heard on all sides of, "Who can draw a gate with Rocky Marciano?"

A match was made with Charles and Marciano for June 17th at the Yankee Stadium and the interest was there as it always is when a boxer like Charles faces a slugger of the Marciano school. But the problem remained . . . what after this fight? Who could meet the winner? There was no new face and Valdes was not a good choice until he could prove convincingly that he deserved the fans' favor.

As has happened down through the years, in the heavyweight division, there have been periods when the champ was running out of opponents. But, always someone has turned up to fill in the void. Some champs even retired because of this paucity of worthwhile rivals. James J. Jeffries and Joe Louis are outstanding examples.

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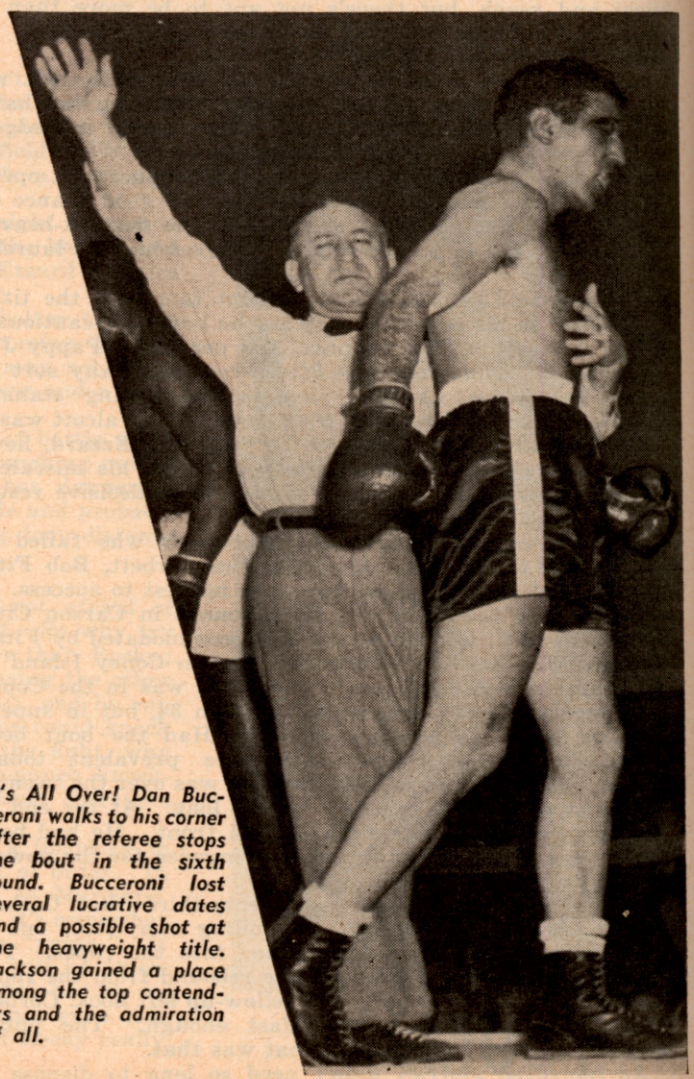
Yet after Jeffries came the "Golden Years" among the heavyweights. The invincible Jack Johnson came upon the



It's All Over! Dan Bucceroni walks to his corner after the referee stops the bout in the sixth round. Bucceroni lost several lucrative dates and a possible shot at the heavyweight title. Jackson gained a place among the top contenders and the admiration of all.

Dan Bucceroni (left) tries to block the whirlwind attack of Tommy Jackson but he could not stem the tide. The young heavyweight from Far Rockaway roared in continuously with a blistering variety of punches that exhausted Bucceroni.

Tommy Jackson started early and finished fast. Bucceroni (left) doesn't succeed in evading a "right uppercut" in the second round and failed to get out of the way of most of the potent punches after that.

scene with the "White Hope Era" and the interest became intense. Then followed Willard, Dempsey, Tunney, the Primo Carnera buildup, Max Baer, Cinderella Jim Braddock, and Joe Louis, considered by many as an all-time great. While he was on top boxing was kept in the spotlight, especially so the heavyweight division.

With his retirement a young man by the name of Rocky Marciano came along to cop the headline when on that memorable night in 1953, he knocked out Jersey Joe Wolcott in thirteen rounds to resparkle interest.

The clock turned back and Marciano began the search for the men who would draw the crowds. Roland La Starza came forth as the logical contender and the fans were sold on this superb boxer who had a chance against the mighty punching Rock.

As we know, La Starza failed to live up to expectations and only recently forfeited any chance of gaining a return bout by losing to Don Cockell of England.

But with this loss he helped the heavyweight division. Now there is a worthwhile contender from across the seas who must be considered in the heavyweight planning. The international flavor has always been a boon to any division and Don Cockell adds life to the weak roster of heavyweight contenders awaiting the chance at Rocky's crown.

Something dynamic was still needed to bring blood surging through the veins of a tired class.

THEN it happened. A fight was scheduled for the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn. A fight that was to settle nothing. Dan Bucceroni, the number three contender in Ring ratings, was pitted against Tommy Jackson of Far Rockaway, Long Island, by way of Georgia.

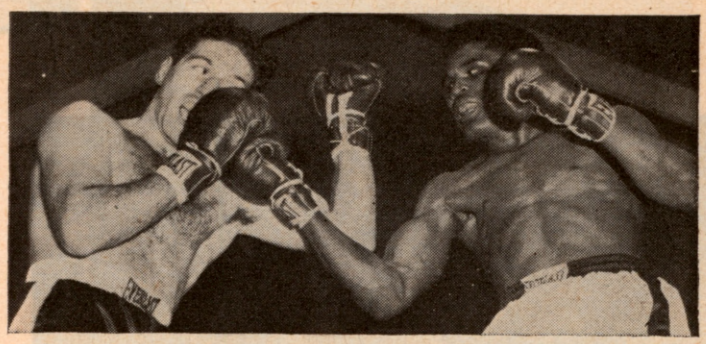
The Southern Negro lad came into the ring a 2 to 1 underdog and was considered by most as only a good workout for Bucceroni. By a lesser number he was given a good chance to win the fight because of his unusual style of fighting.

True, he entered the ring with wins over two highly regarded pugilists, Rex Layne and Clarence Henry. In Layne, Jackson had a poorly conditioned, pudgy opponent and Henry met Jackson fresh from a loss to Jimmy Slade at Washington. Henry's loss to Jackson was explained away by the fact that the later had the perfect style to defeat Henry. The Far Rock-a-boy crowded his opponent, kept inside, never allowing his antagonist to get set.

But this was no measure of his ability— he'd never make it with other top men, they said. Thus his underdog role when ringtime approached.

No one expected what those of us at the ringside and some 4,200 fans, who paid $11,246, witnessed.

Bucceroni, "The Butcher Boy," entered the ring with a smile on his face. Clambering through the ropes came Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson, the underdog. He stretched his long arms and blinked in a bored manner as if time was forever with no gong to send him into combat but a few short minutes hence.



Across the ring Chris Schenkel readied himself for the TV presentation of the fight which he has been doing for a year now. Directly in front of me sat Les Kiter about to do his first blow by blow broadcast of a fight, in an arena which was staging its first fight for radio as well as TV consumption.

As the bell rang, the 192-pound Butcher Boy from Philadelphia moved forward on his toes ready to box and slug.

Tommy "The Terrible" ambled out of his corner with little that resembled confidence and was quickly set upon by Bucceroni. In the quick exchanges, "The Hurricane" that blew in from Far Rockaway was nailed with leading lefts and hard right crosses by Bucceroni that outweighed his own slapping, pushing punches.

Early in the round Jackson was belted back into the ropes from a series of blows that ended when a whistling right chopped his head back and staggered him.

The damage? Jackson gathered himself into a compact mass of fury and from then until the end came in 1:68 of the sixth round he climbed all over Bucceroni, gaining every single round.

From the beginning it was obvious to all that Bucceroni had but one chance. That he must fight from outside, using long lefts and waiting for the openings to use his right cross which was the only hard punch owned by either fighter.

But "The Hurricane" was like a tornado. He possessed no style, no boxing ability, but he rained blows at such a clip, absorbed everything thrown at him so well, and was so tireless that the Philadelphian never had a chance.

In the second round Jackson cleaved a neat slice above and to the right of Bucceroni's eye. For the remainder of the fight it troubled him.

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Lee Savold was a blood-smeared mess when he fought Rocky Marciano in 1952. With color TV performances such as this will probably be banned from the networks as in "poor taste."

BLOOD IS RED

By JOHNNY SALAK

NOT exactly showing its true colors, a boxing bout was commercially color televised for the first time on March 26 when German middleweight Gustav Scholz and Al Andrews collided at Madison Square Garden, exploding 600,000 color phosphor dots into a brilliant vividness which seemed to be spilling all over the place on the some 500 sets in use in the U. S. at this time.

Twenty-one stations, Coast-to-Coast, were in on this "first", according to Tom Gallery, NBC's sports director. NBC had experimented with a color telecast of the Joey Giardello triumph over Willie Troy, also from Madison Square Garden, the Friday before. However, that was on a closed circuit.

And now that the new medium will be steadily streaming in radiant pigments into the living rooms of American homes —a great hue and cry will soon be heard from many sources, once more, to ban the "brutal and savage sport" of boxing.

It's bound to happen for blood is bright red and in all its gory resplendence will be picked up on a screen which brings you color TV. This written in spite of, while viewing the Scholz-Andrews fight on a color TV set, blood, that one thing which all almost fiendishly were looking for, was surprisingly missing. Color technicians "easily" explained this away and smilingly reassured us that in the future the gore-spilling will be on display.

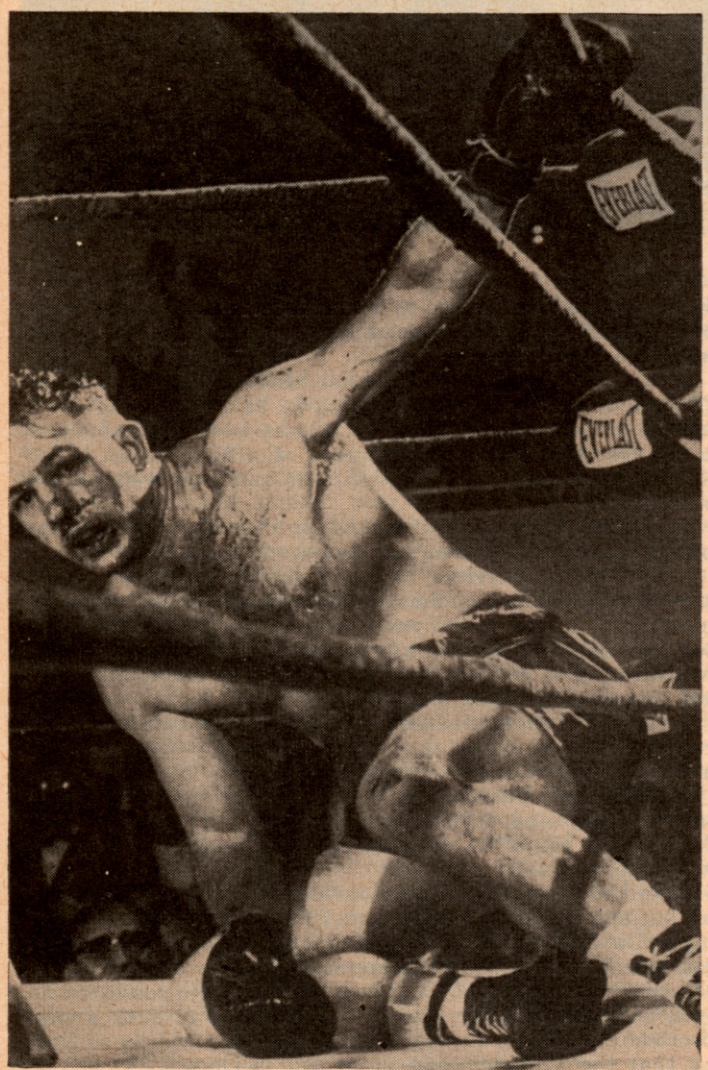
The sight of blood is sickening to many persons, especially when it flows freely and to no apparent avail. So we can expect the "crusaders" to once more mount their chargers and do battle (a bloodless one) against what at times may appear like a bloody good fight on TV.

We had a similar outburst of outrage several years ago when black-and-white television was first reaching into millions of homes and humanitarians could not stomach the senseless battering and pounding two fighters would inflict upon themselves and sought to protect the millions of viewers, who were tuned in specifically to watch the battering and pounding. It mounted to a crescendo of indignation on the part of a few and we recall distinctly that editorials were written and heated words were spoken after the savage beating Ray Robinson vested on Jake LaMotta in 1951 when Sugar Ray won the middleweight title. LaMotta, a bull for punishment, refused to go down despite the constant hammering he took. The fight only ended when the referee called a halt to proceedings in the thirteenth round.

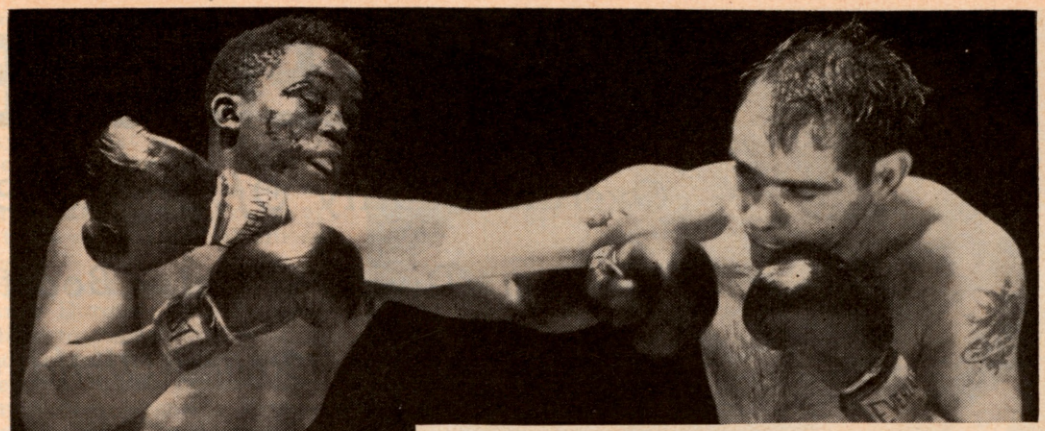
The crusaders really went to work on that one, called the sport cruel, barbaric and brutal, got themselves tons (well, pounds perhaps) of publicity and then the following week went back to watching the fights on TV with millions of others.

It seems, if we recall correctly, the tenor of most of these not-so-tepid tirades was that it was quite all right if two fighters wanted to beat each others' brains out in private, or in view of a scattered few thousands in an arena—but to do so in front of television cameras, which would bring such goings-on into millions of homes, was distasteful to say the least and undermining the morale of the entire country.

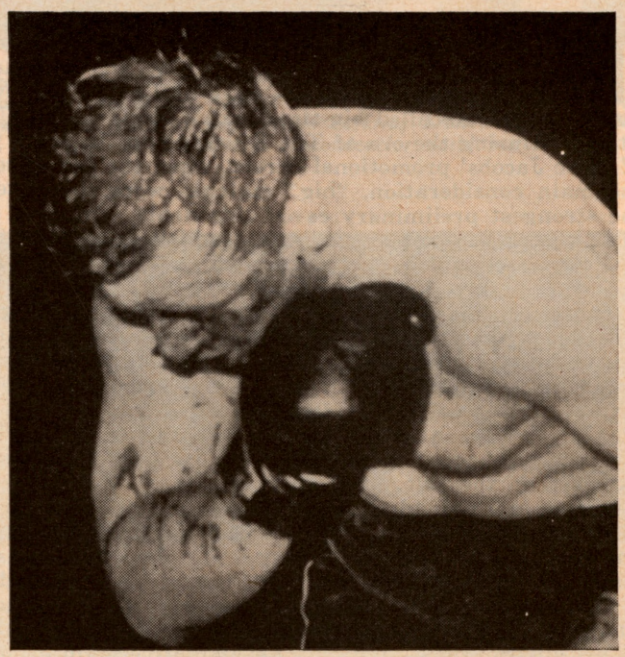
To a certain extent they were right though, in our opinion, misguided. When a helpless opponent is being battered into insensibility, when a fighter is blinded by gore, unable to protect himself, and is the target of a senseless



Blood is eye-catching and gore-covered Charlie Norkus would be considered a knockout victim in the coming color TV era, but he got up, dropped Danny Nardico six times and won when the bout was halted in the ninth round.



Blood gushes from the cut right eye of Gene Hairston (left) as he tries to defend himself against Bobo Olson. Competent officials halt a bout, not at the sight of blood, but when a fighter is badly cut or unable to defend himself.



(Inset) Freddie Beshore was bleeding badly and unable to defend himself against Joe Louis in a Detroit match. The referee quickly stopped the contest. Blood will show up vividly on color TV, while on black-and-white receivers it is hardly discernible.

massacre (as has happened in some bouts), the sport has long since vanished from that particular ring. It is up to the officials to halt the carnage well in advance of said carnage. For the most part, the sport is supervised by competent officials who will halt a battle before it gets out of line. Many states have a rule which will terminate a bout if a fighter is dropped three times in one round, though this is usually waived in a championship match. Also a rule that places a fighter on the inactive list for a certain, recuperative, period of time if he has been halted, either actually knocked out or stopped because of cuts or other injuries.

There are many protective measures safeguarding a fighter in a game which is a strong cup of tea, while at the same time not being a tea party. But all officials are *not competent*, and all the safety measures that can be brought into play are *not always enforced*, and rules *have been sidestepped* to the momentary monetary gain of a fighter and to his possible long range disability. The crusaders would do well to explore these important, though not headline-grabbing, fields. But that would be too much to ask of any conscious publicity seeker.

Some fighters are natural "bleeders," that is, they cut easily and can make the ring look like an abbatoir as blood bespatters not only themselves but opponent, referee and canvas. And there were some pretty good fighters who could be placed in that cate-*gory*. Gus Lesnevich, who held the world light heavyweight title, and Willie Pep, in his prime considered one of the greatest of fighters, cut easily and bled freely. Jake LaMotta late in his career had a tendency to bleed, and Paddy DeMarco, current lightweight champion, was stopped only once, by Sandy Saddler, and that on cuts. Fitzie Pruden and Lee Savold were known as notorious bleeders.

But once color television becomes an every evening occurrence in every home no doubt the known bleeders will be automatically taboo for televised shows and bouts will be stopped more quickly, once the claret starts spurting or oozing from a cut. For blood is red and even gruesomely more so in artificial colors.

It is doubtful that, in this rainbow colored future, we shall ever again see the likes of the slaughter-house set-to in which Steve Belloise and Robert Villemain engaged in 1949, or a repeat of the Rocky Marciano-Lee Savold bloodletting in 1952.

THE color telecast of the Scholz-Andrews fight was a bit disappointing to most of those who viewed it at the Center Theater in New York. The picture at times presented the mad imaginations of a canvas of a crazy artist as colors and their shades changed before your eyes, almost without notice or reason, like a chameleon. A 15-inch picture tube was used, giving the viewing area equivalent of a 12½-inch tube of a black and white receiver and, for comfort's sake, it appeared that too much color was concentrated in too little a space, blurring with the movements of the fighters like a boiling pot of vegetable soup. A misty green haze and orange predominated the colors to give an unreal-like tint to both the fighters and the surroundings. The haze was attributed to smoke in the arena. In fairness, it should be noted that the ring lights in the Garden are not up to studio standards for color work which no doubt had much to do with any criticisms about the presentation.

The color camera also necessitated certain technical changes. NBC had been dissatisfied with the experiment the week before, the whites, for one thing, showing up glaringly white on the color screen. For this show, a gray canvas was substituted for the usual white canvas and Scholz wore blue trunks with gold stripes and Andrews was garbed in gold trunks with blue stripes. The seconds wore gray shirts with blue lettering on their backs and the ring stools were painted a brilliant red.

But we had all gone there with a fiendish desire to see blood and nary a speck of it was visible, not even in the blood shot eyes of the boxing writers sitting in the working press, though we knew from the ringside announcer's comments that both Andrews and Scholz were giving a bloody good account of themselves in the Garden.

Color television is nothing new. They have been working on it for at least fifteen years, with Zenith and RCA as the pioneers in this field. Through the years, experiments

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Overall Quality Of Boxing Cards Changed

Bantam Division Gets Boost From Brooks

Ring Editor On Round-World Good Will Trip

TIMES and conditions do change—and not always for the better. There is no arguing that, since the advent of TV, there has been a steady decline in the overall quality of the so-called big-time boxing cards in the United States. During the era of Tex Rickard and the early years of Mike Jacobs' promotional career, when the box-offce was the main consideration, "big" matches were supported by the strongest preliminary cards obtainable. Many a semi-final was good enough to be a headline attraction itself, and the lesser matches on the program also were well above the average in public appeal.

Those days have vanished in our country. The big idea is to reach the millions of television viewers and since only the main event is televised, the supporting card seems to be of little consequence so far as the promoters are concerned. In recent weeks the fans have been treated to a number of sensational contests on the under-cards of nationally televised shows, but that has been the exception rather than the rule.

Not so in England, however, where the promoters refuse to cheapen their cards. A big-time show there is just that, and the fans have come to expect it. Jack Solomons, for instance, has only to announce the date of his next card, and it automatically sells out, even before the bill is announced. That's because the public realizes Jack will come up with a real all-star show—not only an attractive main event but an outstanding supporting program all the way down to the opening preliminary. Typical of the way Solomons operates was in the Don Cockell-Roland LaStarza promotion. The show had already sold out when Jack suddenly announced that two other top favorites, Randy Turpin and Yolande Pompey, would appear on the card against strong international opposition—Olle Bengsten of Sweden meeting Turpin and Ivano Fontana of Italy facing Pompey.

The same sort of thing applies to the all-star cards in Manchester. Recently Johnny Sullivan and Gordon Hazell were clashing in an important eliminator, the winner to qualify as Turpin's No. 1 challenger for the British middleweight title. The bout was a hot "natural" for Manchester, but the promoters weren't satisfied. They filled the supporting card with bouts that would have been normal main events in Liverpool, Newcastle, Blackpool, Preston and other English centers.

Giving the fans full value for their money is an old American custom that seems to have vanished from these shores and reappeared in England.

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The rise of Nate Brooks, Olympic champion, to the American bantamweight title, raises the hopes that America may again see much activity in this division. For many years the class has been dormant in this country due to the refusal of promoters to cater to the boys in that class.

"They don't draw at the gate", has been the cry of the top promoters. The fact is that they didn't give the lads a chance to develop into drawing cards. The poor turnout for the recent Brooks-Gault fight which Nate won by a mile, a contest in which the present North American title holder was pitted against the former champion, was a sad commentary on conditions in America. A match of equal importance, staged either in England or on the continent, especially in France, would have played to a sell-out house.

As things shaped up, perhaps those who watched the affair on television instead of attending the fight at the Eastern Parkway Arena, were well repaid for remaining away because the contest was such, it didn't arouse much enthusiasm among the spectators. But when the match was made, it figured to be a thriller due to the excellent fighting qualities of Brooks and the fine performance Gault had given against Jimmy Carruthers in a world championship bout in Australia and against Singkitrat in Bangkok.

If the various commissions will encourge the use of more bantams in preliminary bouts, perhaps our country can develop a sufficient number of talented lads to bring back a class that in past years was one of the best. It's worth a trial. Nate Brooks has set the way. Let's develop some boys in his class to keep him active.

Where up to the time that the bantam division was revived by the Eastern Parkway Arena, the class in America was practically extinct, to-day the division has been awakened and in California and Mexico, in particular, many bouts have been staged in the class. The bantams have good representatives in North America in Nate Brooks and Raton Macias who has been a rated boxer in this publication for many months, also Pappy Gault, despite the last poor performance of Pappy against Brooks.

Fleischer on round-the-world Good Will Boxing Tour

AS we go to press with this issue, Nat Fleischer "Ring Editor" is on the first leg of a round-the-world flight on a good-will boxing tour. He will visit boxing centers in the Orient, will attend the Carruthers-Songkitrat world bantamweight championship fight, and in each of the countries on his itinerary, a special boxing card will be staged to give him an opportunity to see how bouts are conducted in the Far East and to get a line on the talent.

Brigadier General Pichai Kulvanich of Bangkok was his host in Thailand at the Carruthers-Songkitrat contest. The trip is the first round-the-world flight made solely on the behalf of boxing.

With his trusty movie camera and his typewriter accompanying him, Ring readers will be assured of several interesting articles on this unique tour in addition to a complete coverage of the world bantamweight title contest.

In Europe Nat will be present at Monte Carlo to report, as in the past, the European Boxing Union's annual convention which takes place this year on May 7, 8 and 9th. He will return to the States on June 6, on time to cover the training camps of Rocky Marciano and Ezzard Charles and to be on hand at the ringside for the Championship fight.

Cities in Fleischer's itinerary included Los Angeles, Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Rangoon, Karachi, Berut, Rome, Florence, Monte Carlo, Paris, Dublin, and London.

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Overseas, France has the leading bantam contender in Robert Cohen who recently stopped Johnny Kelly of Ireland. Until he won the European crown, Cohen turned down all efforts to consider a match with Carruthers. But now that he has reached the heights and has convinced himself and his manager, Gaston Charles Raymond that he is ready for the toughest opposition, he hopes to be matched with the Carruthers-Songkitrat winner. The only obstacle as of now, is that Cohen wants the fight to take place in France or in England and because of that, there seems little likelihood that the contest can be arranged.

If it cannot, then a Cohen-Brooks bout will be the next best. Cohen is extremely popular in Europe. Only recently a Manchester syndicate, according to reports received in Australia by Jack Munro, offered Carruthers 20,000 pounds to fight Cohen there this summer. A Brooks-Cohen match will draw exceedingly well in any outdoor arena in France. The bantamweight division is definitely on the up-grade.

Cohen in three years has raised himself to the popular position previously occupied by Marcel Cerdan. He began life as a barber's son in Bone, North Africa. He is a broad-shouldered, well-muscled young man who knew poverty until his boxing began to yield him a good financial return. Gaston Charles Raymond, his manager, a former French fighter with an excellent record, is responsible for bringing Cohen up the ladder to the point where he now is the leading contender for world bantam honors.

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The manner in which Joey Giardello took Willie Troy in hand in their Garden contest in which Troy was halted in the seventh round, has brought the middleweight division back to the top in the field of pugilism. Giardello has earned the right to a shot at the crown. He has turned from an ordinary fighter into the most spectacular pugilist in his division. His recent performances have given boxing a huge lift and Joey now stands out as the leading contender for world honors.

The bout with Troy was a hard hitting, spectacular affair which kept the spectators on edge from start to finish. It was a reminder of the kind of fights we were accustomed to see in the middleweight division when Mickey Walker, Jimmy McLarnin and other ring stalwarts packed the Garden arena. A few more contests like the Giardello-Troy mill will bring out the fans again to see the boys at close range instead of watching them on television.

The amount of punishment that Troy took indicated to what extent Giardello has advanced as a hitter since he fought the much disputed bout with Billy Graham that ended in the famous "reversal of reversals."

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In a bout that tested raw courage, the kind that appeals to TV fans, Charley Norkus and Danny Nardico slugged with each other in their return bout at Miami Beach, before 4059 fans. Norkus again drubbed the Tampa favorite who spotted his foe 17 pounds.

As a result of the shellacking, Nardico, a ranking light heavyweight, was finally convinced that he don't belong in the higher class. "Henceforth" he declared through puffed lips, "I'll stick to my division. One cannot give away so much weight and stand the gaff".

Despite his two wins, Norkus' over all record doesn't entitle him to a place among the ranking heavyweights, but his showings should gain him some lucrative TV shots.

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Peter Wilson, one of England's top sports critics had an interesting item in his column in the London Daily Mirror recently in which he discussed the tremendous drop in boxing during the past year due to the high taxes. He pointed out that in the first twelve months ending September 30, since the tax on boxing was doubled in England, the number of boxing shows had dropped from 648 to 360.

Though the entertainment tax brought in more revenue, a rise from 91000 pounds ($254,800) to 123000 pounds ($344,400), the rise was due to the big affairs staged by Jack Solomons, Reg King, Joe Jacobs and Sam Docherty among several others. The revenue from the smaller clubs, despite the tax rise, dropped from 38000 pounds ($106,400) to 36000 pounds ($100,800). This indicates that with the

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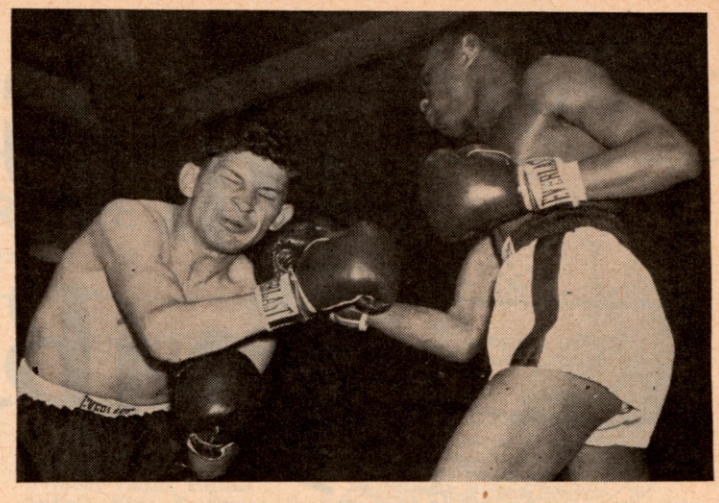
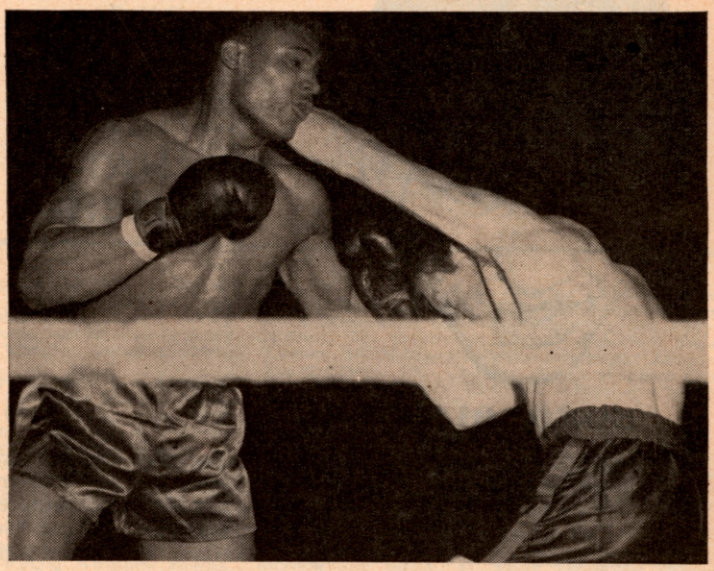
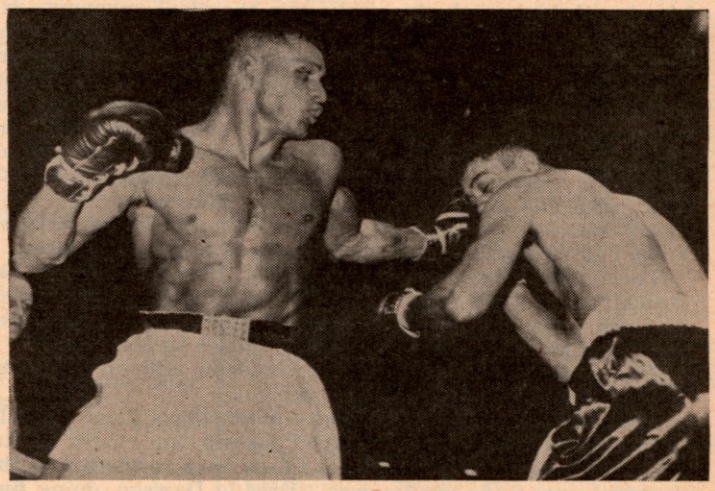


Former North American champion Pappy Gault takes a stiff one on the jaw from Nate Brooks, newly crowned king. Brooks, former Olympic star, won every round at the Eastern Parkway Arena. He is building himself up as a strong contender for world honors.



The debut of another Olympic champion, Ed Sanders, as a pro. Sanders made short work of Sonny Nichols of Portland, Maine, in their bout in the Boston Garden. Nichols was stopped in the opening round.



A crashing left to the jaw staggered Paul Andrews in the ninth round of his battle with Harold Johnson who won a split decision in Chicago to retain his high post as challenger for Archie Moore's crown. Harold was dropped in the opening round and found Andrews dangerous at all times.

RING RATINGS EMBRACE The WORLD

BOBO OLSON

BY NAT FLEISCHER

THERE can be no question regarding the top fighters for the past month. Carl Bobo Olson and Joey Giardello. Bobo by successfully defending his world middleweight crown against the challenger, world welter king Kid Gavilan, is our choice for the highest honors. The Hawaiian-born middleweight king gave an excellent account of himself in proving his right to the crown he wears and added considerably to his prestige by his fine performance.

Giardello, in triumphing over Willie Troy, gaining a seventh round kayo, demonstrated that he is the best oppponent for a bout with Olson. His hitting power, combined with his popularity, make him the ideal opponent. He already has been matched with Bobo and stands a better chance than any of the other contenders to defeat Olson.

In the heavyweight division many changes have been recorded. Tommy Jackson has leaped into third place, previously occupied by Dan Bucceroni, who he halted at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Don Cockell's victory over Roland La Starza enabled the British champion to gain the fourth spot with his victim on his heels. Bucceroni has been dropped to sixth place, and Johnny Williams former British king, has regained a place among the world's ranked ten.

The light heavyweight class finds Floyd Patterson, of Brooklyn advancing to fifth with Willi Hoepner dropped to sixth. Gerhard Hecht, who defeated Jacques Hairabedian for the European 175-lb. title, moves to No. 7.

The middleweight class finds Giardello still on top with Rocky Castellani our second choice.

Del Flanagan has been upped a point above inactive Billy Graham. They have exchanged second and third posts. Billy has been ill but soon hopes to get back to the top of the division among the challengers. Freddy Dawson, doing fine work in Australia, is now fifth.

Orlando Zulueta of Cuba has replaced Eddie Chavez, now in the Army, in second post among the lightweights. Arthur Persley's fine win over ninth ranked Armand Savoie has gained for Persley sixth place. Savoie has been removed and his place taken by Cisco Andrade of Compton, Calif., who upset Percy Bassett.

Despite the losses suffered by Percy Bassett and Baby Ortiz, first two rated featherweights, they have retained their posts since they were defeated by lightweights, while the other top men in the class were idle. Roy Ankarah of West Africa has been eliminated due to idleness and Bill Bossio's defeat at the hands of Eddie Burgin got the latter into the ratings and Bossio out.

One of the month's big upsets occurred when Nate Brooks was defeated by Mickey Mars, a featherweight, causing Brooks to drop from third to fifth among the bantams. Bobby Sinn, who fought an excellent battle against Jimmy Carruthers in an overweight match in which he scaled slightly over 118, has joined the elite. He is seventh. John Kelly, kayoed by Pierre Cossemyns, is dropped from the ratings while the Belgian moves up to No. 3. Hilaire Pratesi, another new face, is in the first ten.

In the flyweight division, Jake Tuli's loss to Dante Bini, a bantam, causes Tuli to lose his hold on 1st place, with Tanny Campo taking over that spot.

Here are the month's leading fights:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Don Cockell outpointed Roland LaStarza, 10. Tommy Jackson halted Dan Bucceroni, 6. Heinz Neuhaus defeated Edgardo Romero, 10. Johnny Williams whipped Hugo Salfeld, 10.

Charley Norkus outfought Danny Nardico, 10. Charley (Doc) Williams whipped Clint Bacon, 10. John Holman drew with Toxie Hall, 8.

Joe Baksi returned to action after a two year layoff and kayoed Bill Smith, 1. Herbie Moore kayoed Bob Jackson, 3. Jake Williams kayoed Jimmy Sheets, 3. Joe Bygraves flattened Terry McDonald, 1. Chub Keith decisioned Australian Champion Ken Brady, 12. Julio Mederos kayoed Bo Wills, 5, and beat him in ten.

Bobby Mitchell beat Chuck Ross, 8. Polly Smith defeated Bob Isler, 10. Ken Hammer kayoed Howard Tate, 7. Joe Erskine flattened Alf Price, 2. Howie Turner beat John Hoye, 6. Baby DeVoogd blasted out Norbert Sapion, 2.

Oscar Pharo beat Glen White, 6. J. B. Reed beat James Carthwright, 8. Gene Brixen kayoed Johnny Masonovich, 3, and drew with Chuck Ross, 6. Frank Cowan kayoed Joey Evans, 2.

Dave Ragus kayoed Earl Lumpkin, 1. Francis Coeuret stopped Ilde Warusfel, 5. Kid Saucer kayoed Jimmy McMillan, 6, and Tommy Haskins, 3. Billy Burke kayoed Jackie Ryan, 2.

Frank Giosiffe kayoed Elle Rogalle, 4. Charley Powell kayoed Bill Mathis, 2. Bennie Thomas defeated Alex Brown, 6. Emil Brtko kayoed Art Everett, 4.

Leroy Hart beat Bobby Burgess, 6. Jack Scherberies kayoed Al Winn, 1. John Minter beat Noel Reid, 5. Pat McMurty kayoed Bill Mathias, 2. Sonny Liston beat Stan Howlett, 6. Gus Bruno kayoed Claude Labelle, 6.

Earl Walls kayoed Tommy Harrison, 1. Joe Bygraves decisioned Joe Crickmar, 8. Pat McMurty beat Max Chris, 6. Kitione Lavey stopped Alan Williams, 8. Bob Albright defeated Jake Williams, 10. Jack Scheberies kayoed Walt Robinson, 2. Charlie Powell kayoed Al Winn, 1. Toxie Hall stopped Embrel Davidson, 7. Henry Hall outpointed Shirley Pembleton, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Harold Johnson outpointed Paul Andrews, 10. Yolande Pompey won from Ivano Fontana, 10.

Floyd Patterson kayoed Sam Brown, 2. Danny Nardico lost to heavyweight Charley Norkus, 10.

Clint Bacon lost to heavyweight Charley (Doc) Williams, 10. Eddie Cotton defeated Bill Boatsman, 10. Alvin Williams kayoed Elmer Smith, 2, and beat Ray Augustus, 6. Jimmy Welch drew with middleweight Ronnie Delaney, 10, and also lost to Delaney, 10.

Willy Schagen decisioned Hans Strelecki, 10. Floyed Morris defeated Billy Tisdale, 10. Claude Capman kayoed Leo Johnson, 4, and Jack Batson, 2. Gordon Wallace defeated Al Hogan, 10. Hogan stopped Stan Mylinski, 5.

Miguel Napoles lost to Cecilio Valdes, 8. Jake LaMotta kayoed Al McCoy, 1. Bob Cotton beat Frank Perry, 6.

Bob Slaughter lost to middleweight Hurley Sanders, 8, and kayoed

Olson Fighter of the Month

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending April 20, 1954

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
2—Nino Valdes, Cuba
3—Tommy Jackson, Rockaway, N. Y.
4—Don Cockell, England
5—Roland LaStarza, New York, N. Y.
6—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Earl Walls, Canada
8—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
9—Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Johnny Williams, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
3—Jimmy Slade, New York
4—Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
5—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—Willi Hoepner, Germany
7—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
8—Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.
9—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
10—Jacques Hairabedian, France

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Carl Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
1—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
3—Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N. Y.
4—Bobby Dawson, New York, N. Y.
5—Randy Turpin, England
6—Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.
7—Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif.
8—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
9—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Cuba
1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
3—Billy Graham, New York, N. Y.
4—Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N .Y.
5—Freddy Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
6—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Chico Varona, Cuba
8—Joe Miceli, New York, N. Y.
9—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
1—James Carter, New York, N. Y.
2—Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
3—Eddie Chavez, U. S. Army
4—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
5—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
6—Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
7—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
8—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
9—Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
10—Duilio Loi, Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.
1—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Baby Ortiz, Mexico
3—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
5—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
6—Ray Famechon, France
7—Gene Smith, Washington, D. C.
8—Eddie Burgin, Cincinnati, O.
9—Ciro Morasen, Cuba
10—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia
1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
3—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
4—Raton Macias, Mexico
5—Nate Brooks, Cleveland, O.
6—Andre Valignat, France
7—Bobby Sinn, Australia
8—Henry Pappy Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.
9—Mario D'Agata, Italy
10—Hilaire Pratesi, France

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan
1—Tanny Campo, Philippines
2—Jake Tuli, South Africa
3—Dai Dower, Wales
4—Leo Espinosa, Philippines
5—Louis Skena, France
6—Eric Marsden, England
7—Terry Allen, England
8—Young Martin, Spain
9—Nazzarino Giannelli, Italy
10—Pascual Perez, Argentina

Elmo Lincoln, 1. Monroe Gage kayoed Don Kenow, 2. Claude Arnaiz polished off Santiago Parra, 3. Eddie O'Hara beat Bill Tatum, 6.

Irwin Schulz beat Ruben Jones, 10. Sammy Jackson kayoed Dave Hamilton, 3. Tony Lomonoco kayoed Bill Clemmons, 4. Andre Tessier beat Al Anderson, 8.

Barrie Jackson beat Joe Aguilar, 6, kayoed Joey in 2, and Curtis Knox in 5. John Harding stopped Harvey Taylor, 5. Lloyd Triplett beat Fonseca Cox, 5.

Wilbur Dilly outpointed Joe Louis Brown, 6. Marcel Limage awarded unpopular decision over Jean Serres, 10. Johnny Jenkins beat Egray Riley, 6. Jimmy Curl kayoed Tino Longoria, 2. Joe Moran kayoed Earl Keel, 5. Keel also lost to Tobe Harris, 8. Jimmy DeLeon beat Roberto Martinez, 6, and Vince Mazac, 8.

Johnny Barton flattened Hans Strelecki, 4. Bob Hughes kayoed Ed Smith, 1. Wim Snoek retained Dutch title by beating Willy Schagen, 12. Gerhard Hecht won the European title by outpointing Jacques Hairabedian, 15. Billy Fifield defeated Al Hogan, 6. Billy Kilgore defeated Jake LaMotta, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson retained his crown by defeating the welterweight titleholder Kid Gavilan, 15.

Joey Giardello kayoed Willie Troy, 7. Rocky Castellani stopped Phil Rizzo, 6.

European champion Randy Turpin won close decision from Swedish champion Olle Bengtson, 10 (non-title). Ralph Jones defeated Billy McNeece, 10.

Holly Mims kayoed Sandy Baxter, 2. French champion Charley Humez defeated Garth Panter, 10.

Ronnie Delaney defeated and drew with light heavyweight Jimmy Welch, in 10. Joe Rindone drew with Goven Small, 10, but lost to Bobby Dykes, 10.

Charlie Cotton defeated Eddie Sims, 10. Gustav Scholz whipped Al Andrews, 10. Tiberio Mitri edged out Leo Starosch, 10.

Ernie Durando kayoed Ted Olla, 8. Eddie Thomas holding welterweight title, became double South African champion by kayoing Joe Munro for middleweight laurels, 12.

Eduardo Lausse kayoed Florindo Mellone, 6. Kid Dussart scored upset decision over Gilbert Lavoine, 10. Italo Scortichini lost to welterweight Carmine Fiore, 10.

Hurley Sanders beat light heavyweight Bob Slaughter, 8. Charlie Chase beat Charlie Babcock, 10, and Tony Percy, 6. Jerome Richardson kayoed Jackie Wilson, 1.

Esau Ferdinand beat Sal Flores, 10, and kayoed Cordell Jones, 4. Eddie Smith beat Jim Paul, 6. Terence Murphy stopped Dudley Cox, 4. Carlo Marchini halted Tom Scott, 6.

Kid Azteca kayoed Jesse Robles, 5, and Carlos Martinez, 5. Spider Webb kayoed Bobby Boyd, 6. Willie Pastrano outpointed Jimmy Martinez, 10. Willie Vaughn defeated Pete Servin, 10.

Chester Miezela kayoed Bob Finnerty, 4. Bob also was stopped by Duke Harris, in 5. Wes Echols whipped Cyril Kelly, 10. Bill Harrington stopped Nenoz Solomon, 8.

Hachiro Tatsumi kayoed Tony Oldeguer, 6. Bob Stecher beat Tommy Leedle, 8. Bob Provizzi defeated Danny Rubino, 8, and Bob Rosado, 8. Ray Drake kayoed Pete Arebalo, 5.

Tony Baldoni kayoed Sanford Bulla, 2. Jack LaBua beat Roosevelt Coward, 8, and Clem Florio, 8. Chico Rocha whipped Benny Spinola, 8. Les Allen decisioned Billy Ellaway, 8.

Eddie Sims beat Kid Burnett, 6. Rinzi Nocero beat Stanley Reese, 6, Johnny Davis, 6, and stopped Jim Dalton, in 4. Russ Gillam halted Clifton Lester, 4. Milo Savage defeated Charley Sawyer, 10.

Wilfredo Miro outfought Ricardo King, 6. Marcel Assire stopped Roland Romano, 4. Paul Nichols whipped Tommy Christian, 6. Johnny Pruitt stopped Johnny Cox, 5. Reggie Alotti halted Johnny Darby, 5.

Pete Janke kayoed Augie Diaz, 4. Gerry Hammond kayoed Ronnie Mason, 5. Reuben Hernandez kayoed Bobby Bue, 2. Marcel Sauve halted Louden Clark, 4, but was kayoed by Vern Stephenson, 2. Gene Washington scored over Sid Barry, 6. Stan Jones beat Reecy Davis, 8.

Jack LaBua outfought Jose Olivera, 10. Phil Rizzo won from Jimmy Robinson on disqualification, 3. Gene Washington beat Stan Micheaux, 6. Stan Jones kayoed Lloyd Nelson, 5. Eduardo Lausse defeated Jesse Turner, 10. Willie Pastrano outfought Jacques Royer-Crecy, 10. Charley Salas stopped Cliff Barnett, 8. Harry Braelow whipped Chester Mieszala, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champion Kid Gavilan failed in a bid to win the middleweight title as he lost to Carl (Bobo) Olson, 15. Del Flanagan stopped Billy Pinkus, 9. Chuck Davey outscored Gerry Dreyer, 10.

Freddy Dawson kayoed British Empire champion Barry Brown, 6. Chico Varona kayoed Joe Shaw, 4. Tony DeMarco kayoed Wilbur Wilson, 2.

Vince Martinez kayoed Ronnie Harper, 2. Carmine Fiore won a close decision over Italo Scortichini, 10. Frankie Fernandez outpointed Henry Davis, 10.

Johnny Cesario beat Wes Lowery, 8. European Champion Gilbert Lavoine, fighting as middleweight, lost surprise decision to Kid Dussart, 10.

El Conscripto decisioned Al Juergens, 12, and Saveur Chiocca, 10. Ramon Tiscareno beat Emerson Butcher, 10. Butcher was stopped by Pat Lowry, 10. Lowry also beat Gene Parker, 10. Allie Gronik kayoed Henry Bronko, 8. Danish Champion Martin Hansen decisioned Constant Alcantara, 8.

Rocky Brisebois whipped Reggie Chartrand, 10. Marshall Clayton kayoed Augustino Argote, 6. Maurice Harper defeated Johnny Brown, 6.

Jackie Braddock scored 45-second kayo over Ronnie Gill. Jacques Prigent throshed Gilbert Ussin, 10. Jimmy Champagne beat Eddie Silvia, 8. Joe Felan kayoed Johnny Capitano, 4. Roy Andrews defeated Georgie Edmonds, 10.

Billy Lauderdale beat Bobby Elliott, 10. Larry Mujica beat Jose Lyara, 8. Chuck Foster drew with Bruce Foote, 6. Andy Escobar outpointed Don Jordan, 10.

Ike Jenkins beat Vinnie DeCarlo, 8. Dick Kerber kayoed Paul Holman, 2. Freddy Monforte beat Chato Hernandez, 10, Chato stopped George Easterling, 9. Keith Paris defeated Howard Leslie, 6.

Carmine Fiore decisioned middleweight Italo Scortichini, 10. Danny Joe Perez beat Henny Wienhman, 6. Barry Allison beat Herman Garry, 6. Lou Gage outscored Frankie Skidmore, 8. Tommy Kirk beat Johnny Ciccarelli, 7. Henry W. Smith kayoed Al Frias, 2.

Carmen Bartolomeo beat Charlie Cummings, 7. Ted Tangles kayoed Tommy Perez, 1 and beat Davey Miles, 6. Tommy Maddox beat Andy Figueroa, 6. Pat Caddick kayoed Roland Gomes, 3, and Billy Cooper, 4.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS — Ed Sanders, Los Angeles, Calif.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS — Barrie Jackson, Seattle, Wash.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS — Clarence Cook, Bastrop, La.
WELTERWEIGHTS — Carmen Bartolomeo, Philadelphia, Pa.
LIGHTWEIGHTS — Art Ramponi, Oakland, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHTS — Damrongdej Smanchan, Thailand
BANTAMWEIGHTS — Luis Martinez, Spain
FLYWEIGHTS — Bobby Lee Headdon, Charlotte, N. C.

Middleweights Keep Boxing on Top

by TED CARROLL

MOST people think of boxing in terms of the heavyweights, and the opinion is oft expressed that as the big boys go, so goes the sport. This may be true to some degree but when the patient is in tough shape and a transfusion is necessary, the life blood of the business is usually supplied by the middleweights.

When it comes down to it, few heavyweight champions have brought about boom times in boxing. Mention Louis and Dempsey among the moderns and that about completes the list. The current titleholder, Rocky Marciano is a good man but is much too inactive for the most profitable exploitation of his talent in boxing's behalf.

There is usually a dearth of good heavyweights, but since the middleweight measurements approximate those of the normal sized person, there are as a rule some high class middles around at all times. It also seems that just when the yammering is at its loudest over the shabbiness of the pugilistic parade, along comes a middleweight to start the bands to playing and the crowds to cheering once again.

Such a one is Joey Giardello, the new Philadelphia Phenom who has looked so good of late he is being called the best all around fighter to come along since Sugar Ray Robinson first hit the big time more than a decade ago.

A naturally clever boxer, Giardello has come up with the most potent punch since Rocky Graziano lifted the whole business out of the doldrums with his right hand kayo wallop. It looks like the scientifically applied pulverizers which are Giardello's specialty are about to do the same thing.

Some are calling the Philadelphian the "New Graziano" but with all due respect to the big-hearted and likeable Rocky, there is as much difference between the styles of the two as there is between an accomplished swordsman and a guy swinging a baseball bat in a free-for-all.

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Along the way while taking on all comers, Giardello has picked up tricks of deception which lure his rival into bull's-eye range of his rocketing right, a precision punch which finds the target as though guided by radar. Professional oldtimers have to go way back to come up with a fellow who mastered the straight right to the point reached by the dark-haired Brooklyn-born belter. Those paleolithic pals, Messrs. Joe Woodman and Jimmy Bronson, could recall only Mike Gibbons among the 160 pounders as having such deadly accuracy with his right hand, and that was more than 40 years ago.

While he may have lacked Giardello's finesse, former middleweight champion Rocky Graziano, still had what it takes to become one of the most fascinating fisticuffers of all time, so much so that he was a reigning boxing sensation for several years. The public loved Rocky and they showed it in 1945 and 1946 by storming Madison Square Garden in such numbers that they paid $100,468 to see him kayo Freddie Cochrane; $103,970 to watch him flatten Harold Green; $108,974 for his tangle with Sonny Horne and $173,163 to see him kayo Marty Servo. Three middleweight title matches with Tony Zale brought in more than a million dollars at the box office.

Add to all this the $135,117 worth of customers who turned out to see him stop Charley Fusari in New York in 1949, and the Chicago Stadium "gate" of $252,000 attracted by a ring rusty Rocky and Sugar Ray Robinson 2 years ago, and you come up with a fantastic 7-figured amount which proves the spell this magnetic middleweight cast over the populace.

Graziano may not have been the greatest in his class but he had them all beaten as a crowd puller.

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Further evidence of the appeal of the 160 pounders comes in the "Ring Record Book" revelation that the all-time top "gate" for fights below the heavyweight division belongs to a couple of them. Sugar Ray and Randy Turpin claim this distinction. An incredible $767,626 was in the till when the IBC finished counting the house the night of September 12, 1951 in New York's Polo Grounds.

Grandpa was barely out of the cradle, when middleweight champion Jack Dempsey, the Original, was big stuff on the boxing beat. Dempsey's day sounds prehistoric to moderns, but he set the style for later years, in the class he ruled, back in the Eighties and early Nineties.

Bob Fitzsimmons, best recalled as the heavyweight king, was at his peak as a middleweight, and was of course a great man for many years.

The next middleweight to capture the fancy of the public was the swashbuckling Stanley Ketchel, one of the most picturesque pugilists of them all, who for a time during the early years of the century was boxing's outstanding figure.

During a tempestuous career, the great middleweight Harry Greb, by virtue of his ceaseless campaigning in three divisions, middle, lightheavy, and heavyweight, did as much to keep boxing interest alive during and after the World War I era as any single individual.

Greb's career, while not studded with six-figure gates like some others, was such an active one and touched so many spots, he left an indelible impression on ring history.

Greb lost the middleweight title to Tiger Flowers in 1926. The Tiger also was a fellow who was to have great influence on the future of boxing.

Middleweight Tiger Flowers was really the man who cleared the atmosphere of the clammy climate left by the Jack Johnson Era, one that had left a pall of prejudice upon the country and had prevented any Negro fighter from gaining a title since 1910 when Johnson defeated Jeffries. Flowers, by dint of clever publicity and his own pious personality, was accepted by the public as a humble and bible-quoting individual of most admirable character. So when late in 1925, Flowers, fighting Mike M'Tigue, was the victim of a most outrageous decision, a conscience stricken N. Y. Boxing Commission forced the issue so avidly in his favor that a couple of months later he got a chance at Greb and the title.

Tiger's publicized piety made him welcome in many towns which at that time frowned on boxing in general and mixed bouts in particular and he became a countrywide sensation. This resulted in the restrictive leftovers of the Johnson days being discarded and the way was paved for the present high position of Negro fighters in the ring.

Flowers came upon the scene at a time when a man such as he was most needed and his career was a history making one.

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In many foreign lands the ebb and flow of the pugilistic tides has been largely controlled by middleweights. France's greatest fighter, Georges Carpentier, weighed only 168 at his heaviest and at his best in the pre-World War One days, was only a middleweight, fighting much bigger men. Carpentier set the pattern and since his time, the Tricolor standard bearers in the ring have strongly favored this division.

Marcel Cerdan of tragic memory, although a native of North Africa, was second only to Carpentier as a French idol. His winning the middleweight championship in 1948, hypoed French boxing as it hadn't been stimulated since the Orchid Man first appeared on the scene.

Year after Year, Marcel Thil, the bald-headed bully-boy of the Boulevards almost single-handedly kept boxing a major sport in France, meeting and beating the invading middleweight champions of all countries, including the

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TED GRELL

Italians Stand Out in Boxing History

By AL BUCK

DOWN through the years fighters of Italian origin have written many brilliant pages of ring history. Among them are some of boxing's immortals, including Johnny Dundee and Pete Herman, and in every class at least one has held the title. The latest name to be added to the long and impressive list is that of Pasquale DeMarco.

Brooklyn-born, Pasquale DeMarco is known to his friends and to the trade as Paddy. He is typically American, and a Dodger rooter. He lives in a four family house he owns and is the father of two children. He gives the manager's 33⅓ percent to Mrs. Kitty Dixon, wife of his late manager, Jimmy Dixon. There are a lot of nice things to be said about Paddy DeMarco.

If his triumph over Carter was surprising, it was also clean-cut and impressive. DeMarco has been called the Brooklyn billygoat, but in winning the world lightweight championship he was a smart, clever and effective fighter.

By winning the unanimous decision, DeMarco took his place with Frankie Genaro, Lou Salica, Willie Pep, Bat Battalino, Joe and Vince Dundee, Rocky Graziano, Fred Apostoli, Joey Maxim, Rocky Marciano, Primo Carnera, Dundee, Herman, and many other Italians and Italian-Americans who have fought their way to the top. It so happens Paddy rules as champion of the lightweights, a class in which Italian-Americans have dominated off and on for nearly a quarter of a century.

Rocky Kansas, Sammy Mandell, Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers, and Sammy Angott were all lightweight kings. Now the 26 years old DeMarco has succeeded to the throne.

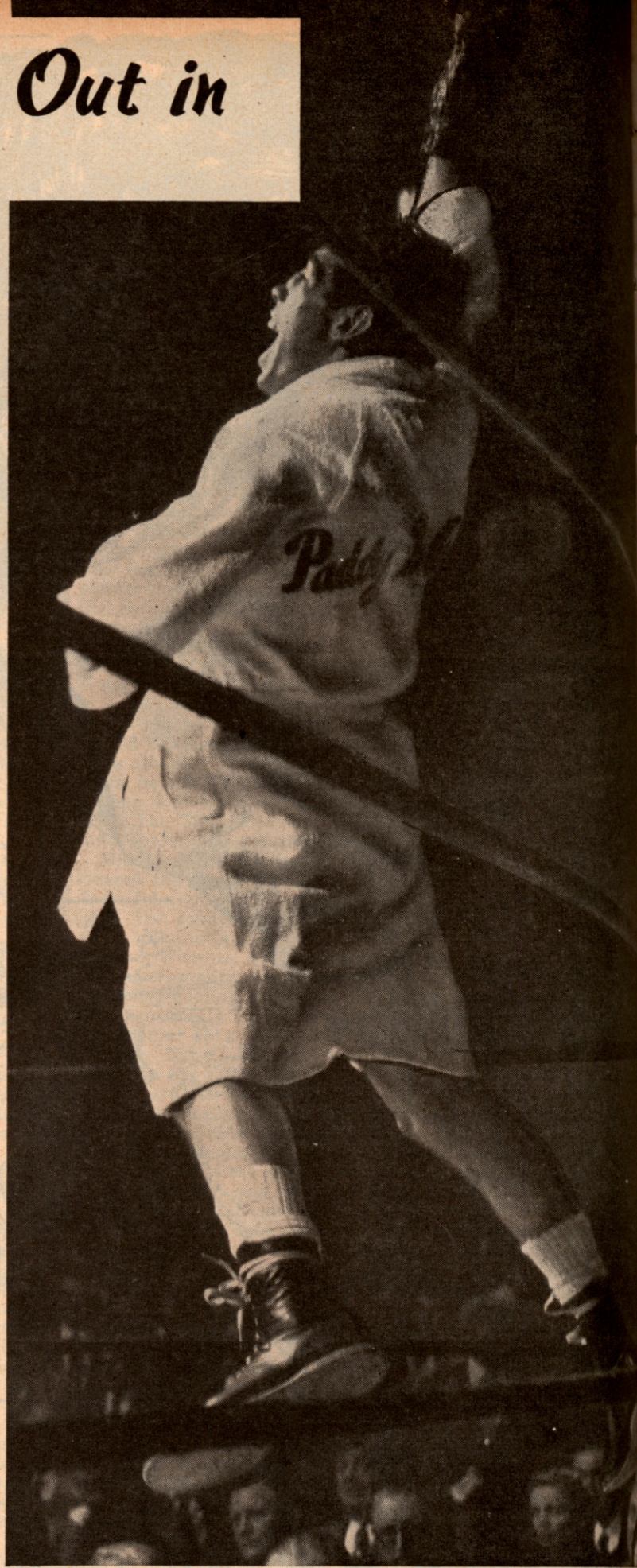
The story of DeMarco's rise to the top rung of the ladder is strangely reminiscent of the rise of the Cinderella Man, James J. Braddock, to the heavyweight crown. He had suffered the same frustrations, and often, like Braddock, was on the verge of tossing in the towel so that he could obtain the kind of work that would enable him to earn a fair living. But he possessed perseverance, grit and an abundance of courage—three assets that go to make a winning fighter. The goal of his ambition was to win the world title, and he succeeded in gaining that goal when he defeated Carter.

Often promised championship matches, Paddy was forced into the background for one reason or another. He was sidetracked four times. But that didn't discourage him.

When he whipped Terry Young, then a hot lower East Side favorite, he was shunted to the sidelines by the Boxing Commission because he was only nineteen and the commission's rules were against him. He was told that if he defeated Young in their return engagement, his youth would be overlooked and he'd be ok'ed for a title bout. But again he was pushed aside though he won.

Then came other victories over top men,—Billy Graham, Pat Brady, Arthur King—but no championship fight. The breaks were against him so far as a title shot was concerned, but he never gave up.

The spirit to win was always part of his make up and the manner in which he came through in the



Paddy DeMarco jumps for joy with the announcement that he has won the world lightweight title. DeMarco outboxed and outfought Jimmy Carter to score a surprising upset.

Carter bout was just another case of the rise to the heights of a youth in true American Horatio Alger style. He had attained his goal.

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Kansas was the first of the Italian-Americans to hold the lightweight title. He was born Rocco Tozze in Buffalo, April 22, 1895. He died there last January 10, but between those two dates, he won the 135-pound crown from Jimmy Goodrich in a fight held in his home town. Compared with Joe Gans or Benny Leonard, Kansas was not a great fighter. He was both a durable and a useful one, and his career spanned 16 years.

During the no-decision era Kansas tangled with Ad Wolgast, Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Dundee, Joe Mandot, George (K. O.) Chaney, Lew Tendler, Willie Jackson and Benny Valgar. He held his own at least, as none of these fighters knocked him out. The Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia reveals he was knocked out only twice.

On February 22, 1922, Kansas attemped to win the lightweight championship from Leonard. He failed, but at the end of six rounds he was in front. He mussed Benny's hair, something nobody was doing in those days, and in the second round he split the champion's lip with a left hook. Leonard had to come from behind to win, and the knockdown he scored with a short jolting right was his margin of victory.

There had to be a return bout of course. It took place at Michigan City on July 4, 1922. This time Leonard was invincible, and Kansas was counted out in the eighth round. It was the first kayo suffered by the Buffalo battler. Two years later Rocky was stopped in 11 rounds by Luis Vincentini.

When Leonard retired in 1924, Kansas was a leading contender for the vacant title, but while he defeated Vincentini in a return bout at Buffalo, he was eliminated from the competition. Goodrich won the tournament when he knocked out Stanislaus Loayza in the second round of the final.

Kansas had been boxing 15 years when he signed to fight Goodrich for the championship at Buffalo on December 7, 1925. This was Rocky's third chance, and he made the most of it by pounding out a decision in 15 rounds. Kansas' held the title a few days less than seven months, losing it on points to Sammy Mandell in 10 rounds at Chicago on July 3, 1926. Convinced he was through, Rocky Kansas retired.

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Mandell was born at Rockford, Ill., February 8, 1904. He is of Italian-Albanian extraction, and is remembered as a clever boxer. Sammy was a leading contender in the tournament held after Leonard retired. He eliminated Sid Terris, believed to be his most formidable rival, on points in 12 rounds. Then he had the misfortune to lose to Goodrich in six rounds on a foul.

The Rockford boxer held the championship four years. During that period he defended it successfully against Jimmy McLarnin in 15 rounds and Canzoneri in 10. He was stopped in two rounds by Goodrich when he suffered a broken collar bone, but the title was not at stake.

The end came quickly for Mandell. On July 17, 1930, he was knocked out in a round by Al Singer. Sammy continued to fight for four more years. His career ended in 1934 when he was stopped in six rounds by Joe Bernal at Oakland, Calif.

Singer was champion less than four months. On November 14, 1930, Canzoneri knocked him out in a round. An Italian-American, born in New Orleans on Nov. 6, 1908, Tony Canzoneri was one of boxing's great champions.

They didn't come too tough or too clever for Tony. He never worried about punchers. He fought them all for 15 years, winning the featherweight title and the lightweight crown twice. He also held the junior welterweight championship twice.

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Canzoneri's first attempt to win a fistic crown ended in failure. He aspired to the bantamweight championship only to be outpointed in 10 rounds by rough Bud Taylor at Chicago in 1927. The following year he won the featherweight title Dundee had relinquished by outpointing Benny

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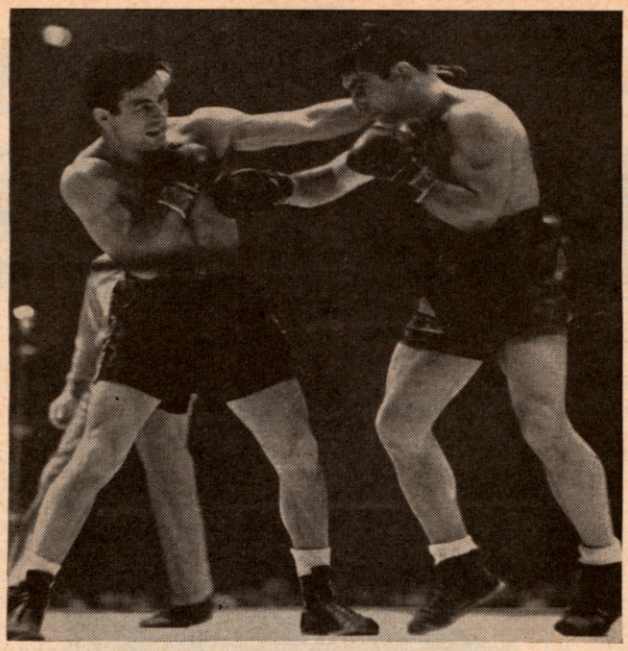
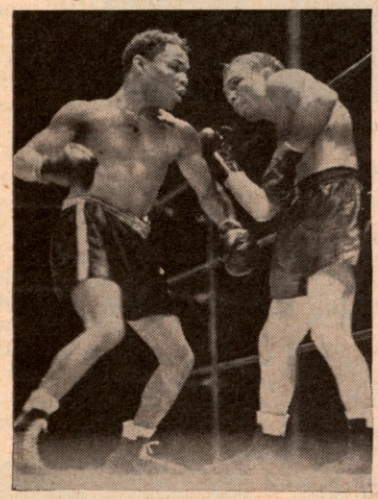
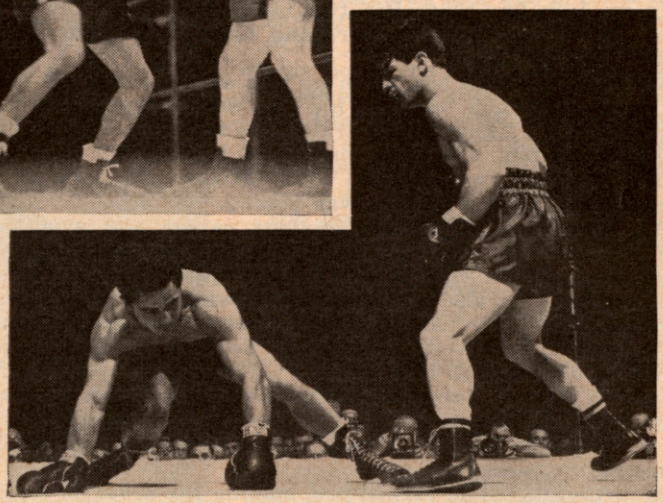
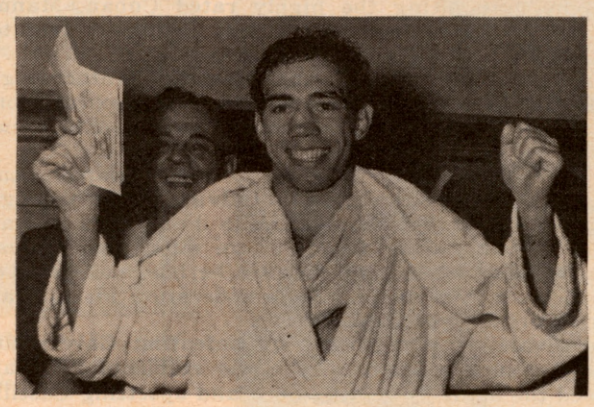




Many fighters of Italian extraction have been champs or fought for titles. (Above), Fred Apostoli (left) who had held the middleweight crown, tangles with Melio Bettina, once light heavyweight king. (Left) Lou Ambers (right) regains his lightweight title from Henry Armstrong. (Below) Rocky Graziano kayoes welter champ Marty Servo.

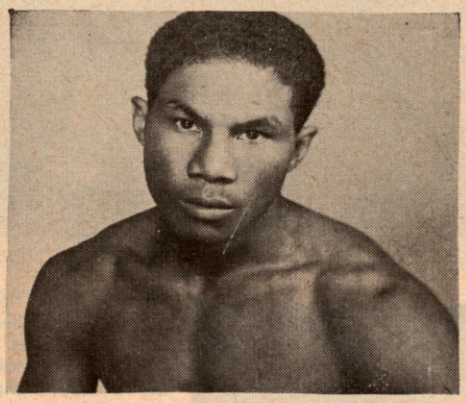




Brooklyn born Paddy DeMarco was four times shunted in his bids for lightweight title bouts and when he finally made it, it was in the role of a decided underdog. But he fought a smart, clever and effective fight.

Latin Larrupers

By LEWIS ESKIN



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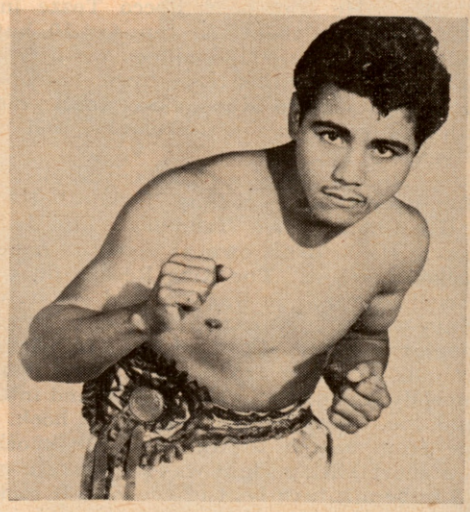

Raton Macias

SOUTH of the Border, down Mexico way", they are singing the praises of Raton Macias, the national bantamweight champion. He is touted by his followers as one of the best young fighters in the world today.

Only 19 he was born in Tepito a small suburb of Mexico City on July 28, 1934. His two older brothers Gaby and Jose were professional fighters and Raton learned to fight under their guidance.

Macias started to box when he was eleven years old and at twelve was able to hold his own in sparring sessions with many pro fighters who trained in the gym. He got his nickname Raton, which means mouse in Spanish, when a visitor to the gym saw him dart between the legs of a heavyweight with whom he was boxing.

At 14 Macias began his amateur career and won the junior flyweight title of Mexico. The following year he won the flyweight championship and repeated in 1950 and 1951. In 1951 he also won the bantamweight title, and the Central American bantamweight crown, which qualified him for the Pan-American games held in Argentine, in which he finished third.

In 1952 Raton retained his Mexican and Central American bantamweight honors and was selected to represent Mexico in the Olympic games at Helsinki. He reached the semi-finals before losing.

Returning home he turned pro, making his debut on April 15, 1953 by outpointing the highly rated Cuban, Manuel Armenteros in ten rounds. In his next outing he defeated the veteran Trini Ruiz over ten rounds.

At this time Edel Ojeda, the Mexican bantamweight champion, announced his retirement and the Mexican Commission launched an elimination tournament to find a successor.

Those named to compete were former champion Luis Castillo, the fly weight ruler; Otillo Galvan, the ex-flyweight king; Raul Solis, Baby Rivera, Emilio de la Rosa, Genaro Serafin, Beto Couary and Raton. There were some protests over the inclusion of Macias, because he had had only two pro fights, but after taking into consideration his brilliant amateur record he was included.

Raton advanced to the finals by defeating Galvan and Serafin. The surprise came when his stablemate Couary also gained the finals by beating Solis and upsetting Castillo. Their manager, Pepe Hernandez, solved his problem by turning the boys over to other handlers for the title fight.

After a slow start, Macias turned in a brilliant demonstration of speed and ringcraft to win in a breeze. In his fifth pro fight he was Champion of Mexico.

Since winning the crown, Raton has fought thrice, scoring a decision and kayo over the Chilean champion Alberto Reyes, and in his last start he scored two knockdowns on his way to a seven round kayo over the former North American bantam titleholder Billy Peacock. Macias' rapid rise has placed him as the number four contender in the Ring ratings.

A clever boxer, though no kayo puncher, he hits sharply with either hand and is a strong durable lad. In over 300 fights, he has never been stopped.

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ANOTHER Latin boy who seems headed towards international prominence is the newly crowned featherweight champion of Panama, Pedro Tesis.

Following a long and outstanding amateur career in which he won over a dozen titles, Pedro turned pro in the summer of 1951 as a bantamweight. Tesis reeled off six straight wins during 1951 and 52 against the best men in his country.

Growing into a featherweight he soon ran out of competition and was forced to fight lightweights in order to keep in action. His first loss came at the hands of the Venezuelean lightweight titleholder Luis Barreto in Caracas early in 1953.

Returning to Panama he defeated Horacio Otis, then lost a close ten round decision to ranking featherweight Corky Gonzales of America.

Tesis was then matched for the featherweight title with the undefeated pride of the Isthmus, Isidro Martinez. In a thrilling and bloody battle, Pedro rallied to knock out Martinez in the fifteenth round to capture the crown.

A hard puncher with either a left hook or a right cross he is quickly learning the finer points of the sport. He has kayoed Baby Green, Steve Bennett, Melvin Bourne and Leslie Thompson, in addition to Martinez. In 11 bouts, he has won 9, scoring 6 kayos.

Pedro is intelligent and soft spoken and neither by looks nor actions resembles a fighter outside of the ring.

These two young Latin American champions are renewing interest in the boxing game and along with Ludwig Lightburn of British Hondurass Fredrico Plummer and Isidro Martinez in Panama, Luis Barreto and Victor (Sonny) Leon in Venezuela, Jose Bruno, Pascual Perez, and Eduardo Lausse in Argentine, Tuzo Portuguez in Costa Rica, and Baby Ortiz and Humberto Carrillo in Mexico, give the United States southern neighbors an outstanding group of fighters.

Although still a long way from international prominence other young Latin fighters who are making rapid progress are bantamweights Pedro Martinez of Argentine and Fili Nava of Mexico; featherweights Pedro Pina of Mexico and Leslie Thompson of Panama; lightweights Vicente Matute of Venezeula and Hector Garcia of Mexico and welterweight Alfonso Flores also from Mexico.

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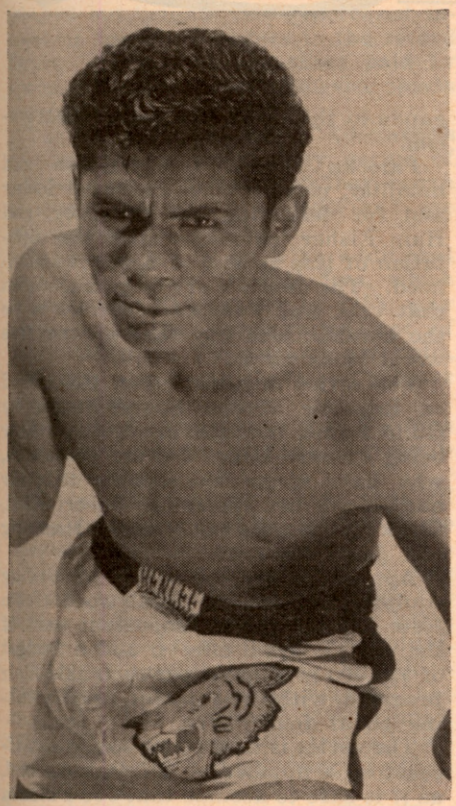

Tony "Tiger" Medina, crowd-pleasing Houston, Tex., welterweight, is now stationed in Germany and coaching the 2nd Armored Division boxing team.

NOEL HUMPHREYS, one of the best boxers West Virginia ever produced, after a two-year hitch in the Army is now back to civilian life and rarin' to return to the professional ring.

Humphreys entered the army in May of 1952 and received his medical corps basic training at Camp Pickett, Va. He was sent to Korea in January 1953 and spent eleven months there as an aid man with a line infantry company.

Noel did little in the way of boxing or conditioning while in Korea. "I did some exercise just before we left for the states, but facilities weren't very good over there, and we were kept busy most of the time," he said.

Humphreys, a natural lightweight, is up around 146 pounds at present and thinks it will take at least two or three months to get in shape again. His last fight was on October 21, 1952, when he won a ten round decision over Ronnie Harper in Huntington.

His professional record stands at fifteen victories, two losses and two draws. As an amateur, he had a brilliant record, winning 77 out of 80 fights. He was the Tri-State Golden Gloves champion in three weight divisions in as many years. Humphreys also won the New York tournament and captained the East squad against the West in Chicago.

Noel's two pro losses were eight round decisions to Ralph Dupas in New Orleans. He also drew with Kid Centella there but came back to win over Centella. His other draw was with Al Gualteri in Huntington.

Humphreys is joining the stable of Irving Cohen in New York and will start with some six rounders, gradually work up to the longer distances and the tougher boys of the lightweight division.

Humphreys, only 22 years old, an explosive hitter with either hand, was emphatic about one thing—his future in boxing.

"If I don't have it now, I'll just quit. It won't take me long to find out either."

Paddy DeMarco and the lightweight title? "Yes," Noel says, "I would like to fight him one of these days but not for a while yet. I know he's strong, but I'd still like a chance if I get back into good shape and can still hit."

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Willard Henry, 21-year-old Kansas City, Mo., welterweight, who had six pro fights before entering service (scoring four knockouts and winning two decisions) is now stationed in Berlin, Germany, and will be discharged in August.

Noel Humphreys, Charleston, W. Va., lightweight, after two years in service is now ready to resume his pro career.

As an amateur Henry, who is six feet tall, won the national and international Golden Gloves welterweight titles in 1951 and lost only five of 100 bouts.

Upon his discharge he will campaign in California under manager Frank Ramel.

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Tony Franco, promising 21-year-old Brooklyn featherweight, who had eighteen bouts in New York before he was called into service in 1953 is now stationed at Camp Polk, La. Tony, a classy little boxer, won fourteen decisions and lost four.

Pfc. Franco, who is an athletic instructor at Camp Polk, plans to resume his boxing career when he is discharged from service early in 1955.

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Tony "Tiger" Medina, Houston, Tex., welterweight, is now a Pfc. with Co. C, 66th Tank Battalion, in Germany. Tiger was a great little crowd pleaser down Texas way and was never seen in a dull fight.

While Medina has not won too many of his bouts, he is always in demand because of his aggressive style of fighting. Among his opponents are such names as Alfredo LaGrutta, Joey Hartegan, Rocky Cabellero, Roger Trevino and George Easterling.

His last Houston appearance before entering the Army was on September 30, 1952, when he knocked Luis Arriola stiff in two rounds. Medina is now coaching the 2nd Armored Division team in Germany, with Jack Monroe as the team manager and Paul Parent their trainer.

One of the team's outstanding fight-

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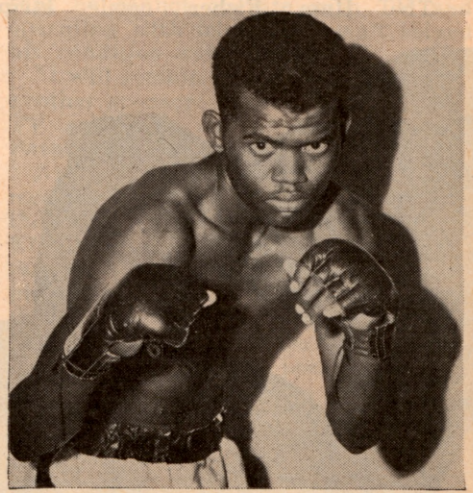


Willard Henry, Kansas City, Mo., welterweight, undefeated in six fights before going into the army, will be discharged in August and campaign in California.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

ONE of the truly great fighters of all time, Joe Palooka, is now seen weekly over many television stations throughout the country, including the DuMont TV Network outlet in New York, WABD.

"The Joe Palooka Story," a filmed series starring Joe Kirkwood, famous golfer and motion picture star, does not veer towards originality in its plots but by its very simplicity it takes on a "homey" and entertaining atmosphere, one that is enjoyment for the entire family, and pleasantly removes the squabbles between mom, dad, brother and sister as to which program will be watched.

In catching previews of several of these films, one thing that struck us was the authenticity of the actual fight scenes. Too often a Hollywood version of a fight smacks of downright ludicrousy, too often missing the mark in more ways than one.

But Kirkwood can really handle himself with the gloves and the casting has been such that those who tangle with Palooka in the ring are no bumbling novices. The milling, while shooting these scenes, has been so fast, furious and realistic that Kirkwood, who refuses to have a stand-in during these hectic scenes, has twice been kayoed by former professionals. Jack Roper, who was one of Joe Louis' knockout victims in a world heavyweight title bout, and Hal Fieberling, a Coast heavyweight of a few years ago, both of whom are in this series, upset matters by droping Kirkwood during the filming.

The Ham Fisher comic strip brought to life on this program finds the casting as near perfect as can be imagined. Kirkwood is immersed in his presentation of the famed Palooka and, we understand, lives and breathes the role on a 24-hour a day basis. Ann Howe is portrayed by the lovely Cathy Downs, who incidentally is Kirkwood's wife in real and reel life. The role of Knobby Walsh is taken over by Sid Tomack, noted Broadway and Hollywood commedian. Maxie Rosenbloom, former light heavyweight champion, provides the comic relief as Joe's trainer, Clyde, but most of the time his lines fall far short of being funny. The script writers would do well to build Rosenbloom's part and stay away from the corny gags which leave the character role flattened, so unlike the lovable Slapsie Maxie who was kayoed only twice in his long career covering some 350 professional bouts.

Kirkwood was born in Melbourne, Australia, and originally won fame as a golfer, winning a number of important tournaments including the 1949 Philadelphia Inquirer, the 1951 Pabst Blue Ribbon, the 1945 Los Angeles Open and the Atlantic and Mid Atlantic. He was signed by Warner Brothers in 1945 and later portrayed Joe Palooka in a series of motion pictures produced by Allied Artists.

A fighter in his college days, Kirkwood's rugged frame of six feet two inches, his 201 pounds, blond hair and features make him a perfect prototype of the "Champion of Democracy," Joe Palooka, who has received many awards and was called by one of Hitler's chiefs, "the most vicious propaganda in the world against totalitarianism."

Palooka stands for freedom and humility, clean living and good losing and for defending the underdog, and Ham Fisher jealousy guards the reputation of this symbol of American manhood. The new TV series goes along in that vein, and Palooka continues to be the humble, nice guy that all the free world looks up to.

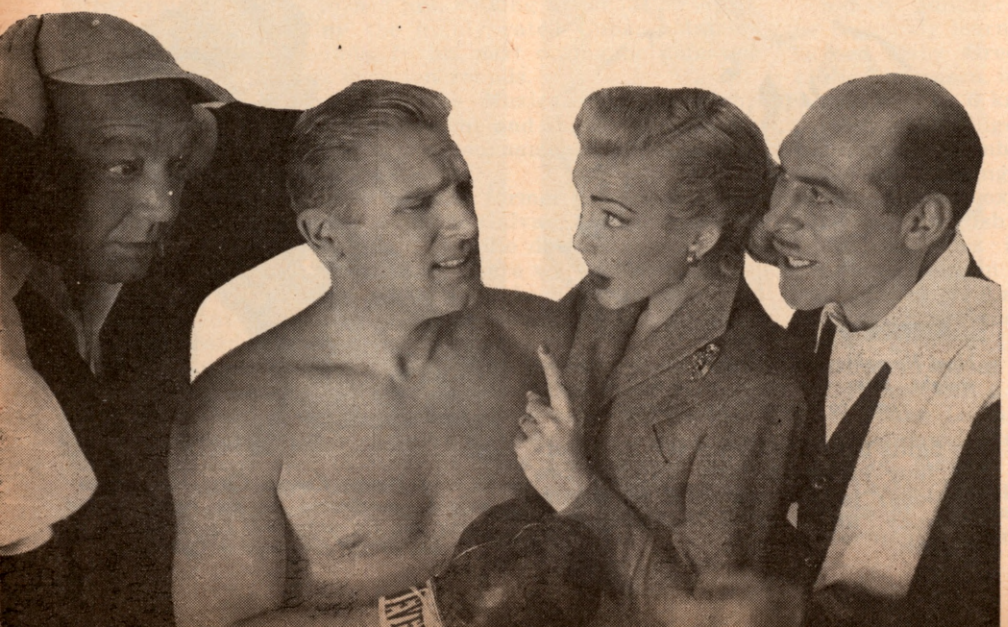
The series is produced in Hollywood on Republic Studios Sound Stages by Guild Films, Inc., the producer-director being Richard Bare. The script writers, who have many fine credits to their names, are Lee Backman, Robert Abel, Clark E. Reynolds, Monroe Manning and Dean Riesner.

Approximately 4,000 lbs. of boxing equipment, sent to Hollywood from New York, form an important part of the show's scene effects, and a budget of $25,000 is allowed per each half-hour program, with the shooting usually taking about four days.

The series is now being seen coast-to-coast on a number of TV stations and, as it is safe to assume that Joe Palooka will hold his heavyweight title for quite a number of years, it looks like "The Joe Palooka Story" will go on indefinitely which insures boxing fans of at least one good fight a week on TV.

THE fifth annual report on "the Effects of Television," written by Jerry Jordan and published by the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association, recently released asserts that the television industry had increased sports income to a record level and that, rightly used, TV could create more and more fans.

Neither gains nor losses in attendance could be attributed entirely to television, the report continued. That the sale of television rights had become a solid financial prop for athletics was shown with a set of statistics, and it was also stated that TV could help to create enough new fans so that competition between sports need not mean disastrous losses for any. However, many closely associated with sports have asserted that TV has dealt a blow



He's a Palooka. On set, filming the new series for TV, "The Joe Palooka Story" are (left to right): Maxie Rosenbloom, as Clyde, Joe's trainer; Joe Kirkwood, as Joe Palooka; Cathy Downs as Ann Howe; and Sid Tomack, as Knobby Walsh. Ham Fisher's legendary character comes to life in this Guild Films Production.

to sports attendance in many cases.

Jordan, in his report, says, "One or more big events are on TV every day or evening. Yet total income for sports, gate receipts plus rights fees, is back up around its all-time peak."

A chart included in the report shows that about $240,000,000 was spent on sports admissions in 1946 and that the figure soared to the record high of about $284,000,000 in 1949.

In 1952, the last year analyzed in the report, receipts stood at around $265,000,000 but "rights fees" increased income of sports promoters to the record figure. These fees are those paid by sponsors for the right to televise sports events.

The report continued, "Admissions dropped during the novelty period of television, as expected, but they began to climb back again in 1952 and are still rising.

"And sports now have an additional source of income. Rights fees, which totaled about $15,000,000 in 1953, may prove to be the long-awaited 'pot of gold'. As more TV stations are built, more local sports can share and prosper in these fees."

In reply to arguments that TV was responsible for any decline in attendance, the report said:

"It is a mistake to believe that all gains or losses can be attributed to television."

"While major league baseball was scoring a gain of approximately 1½ million admissions (1946–49) horse racing declined 2.2 millions," he added.

"Now with racing up about 5½ million since 1949, major league baseball has dropped a like amount," it continued. "Similarly, professional football attendance has gained as college football has declined.

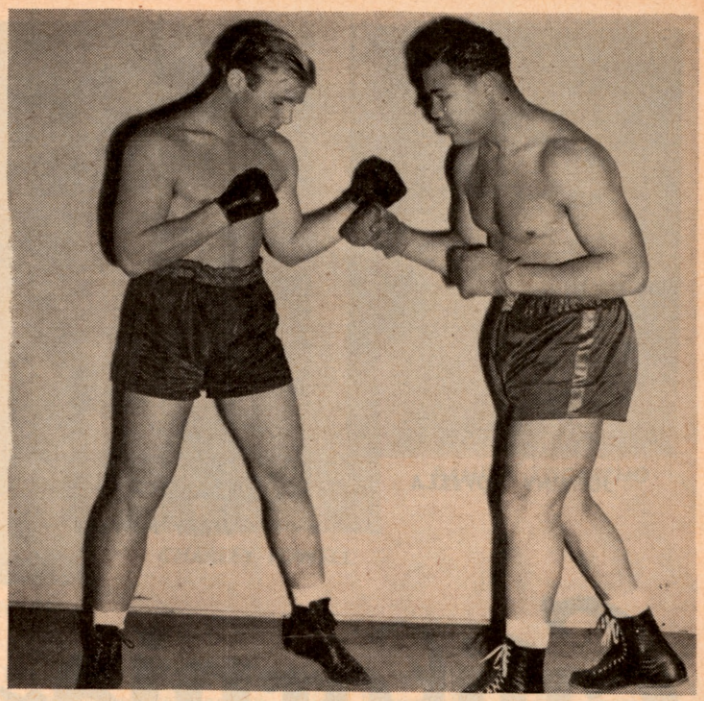
"Such shifts are not due to TV. They are largely due to hard competition between sports. The best way to avoid such periodic shifts is to increase the number of people interested in sports, create more fans. Wise use of television is beginning to help accomplish this."

The report spent some time in analyzing trends in various sports, and said of baseball:

"Although major and minor league crowds dropped 2 to 8 per cent last year, baseball attendance was well over 37 millions—27 per cent above its 100th anniversary level in 1939."

The report's explanation of the reawakening of interest attendance-wise at sports events? Jordan says that today more than half of the country's homes (28,000,000) have TV sets. But even more important, 56% of these owners have now had their sets for two or more years. This means that the "novelty effect of television is over." Also that normal living habits have formed again and gloomy prophecies of empty stadia and theatres have not and will not materialize.

Statistics, like women though not as entertaining, are one of the strangest and perplexing things known to man. Given the opportunity they can be made to say anything, giving a variety of interpretations to the same subject. We dare say, using the same set of statistics as did the Jordan report, we could very easily construct a disastrous picture as far as sports admissions go. A digit, used deftly, can dislodge and tear down the most enthusiastic skyscraper of statistics.



Joe Kirkwood (left), who did some boxing while in college, is a perfectionist in his work and in playing the role of Joe Palooka the fight scenes have to be "just so." So, here he is getting some valuable pointers from the guy who can really give them to him, former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis.

But we are not going out of our way to take issue with Jerry Jordan (though we don't heartily agree) for his surveys and reports have been a great aid to all seriously concerned with bringing about a happy solution to the problems of the television and entertainment industries working together. And in all earnestness, we trust that Jordan is 100% correct in his optimistic approach and we are totally wrong in our gloomy outlook.

In fact, giving a stronger argument to Jordan's viewpoint that the television industry had increased sports income we feel that his figures are conservative when he states that rights fees totaled about $15,000,000 in 1953. The figures are only estimates but a careful analysis will show that the added revenue to sports from TV last year was considerably more.

And at the same time, with the telecasting of baseball, football, wrestling or any other sport, that is the crux of the whole matter. Certainly "boxing" was enriched by some $5,200,000—but "boxing" in this case means four weekly major network shows and a scattering of locally televised programs. Looking at it in that light "they" prospered—made money and were very happy—and with total attendance nation-wide at all boxing shows brought the sport's total income from rights fees and admissions to a respectable figure above the $10,000,000 mark, carrying with it a favorable comparison with income before the TV era. But how many shows actually benefitted in this manner and how many promoters throughout the country were forced to close down, unable to compete against the telecasts of shows from major fight arenas?

We will not, at this time, go into the problems confronting the sport as to where new talent will eventually come as more and more of the smaller clubs go out of business but suffice to say that while an occasional "independent" show might draw well, on the whole clubs are continually folding or frantically searching for the new savior, a TV sponsor.

The entire state of New York has only two clubs running weekly—and both shows are seen on network television. The I. B. C., recognizing that the sport to prosper must have the small clubs running, attempted to subsidize "talent" shows, as a start, in both the Rainbo Arena, Chicago, and the St. Nicholas Arena, New York, but were forced to give up on the latter because of a lack of patronage and increasing losses.

And after a struggle of several years it seems that local telecasts of fights on the Pacific Coast are doomed. Faced with diminishing gates and as many as four network telecasts a week, the South Gate Arena, under promoter Frank Pasquale, has closed its gates with the recent termination of a contract with KHJ-TV. Pasquale admits that he cannot operate with TV and operating with television hasn't helped his condition substantially.

"I will remain closed until I can find another sponsor. I cannot run without TV and keep out of the red," said Pasquale.

And two weeks after this announcement, the Olympic Auditorium went off the airlanes as their contract with KCOP ran out. It is reported that no renewal will be made unless the Olympic slashes its asking price, but then, their price is guided by what the managers' guild demands for the fighters. However, there's a possibility that another station may step in and take the show. Either way, the Olympic will attempt to continue to run weekly shows.

Television of Ocean Park's wrestling shows also was discontinued after April 9 when the contract ran out. The weekly Saturday night boxing show

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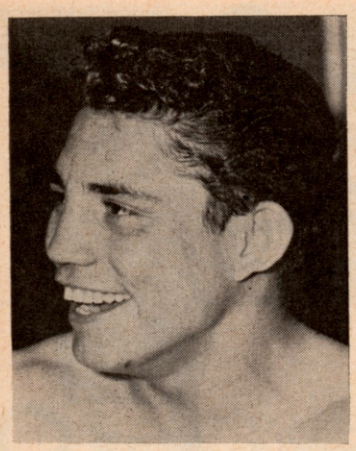

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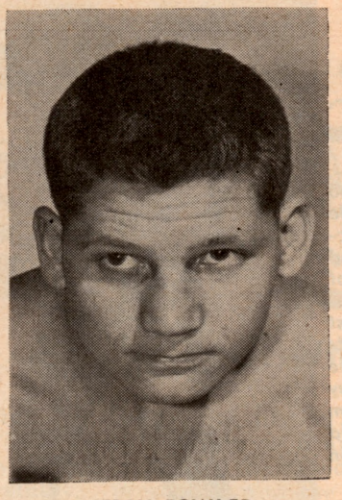

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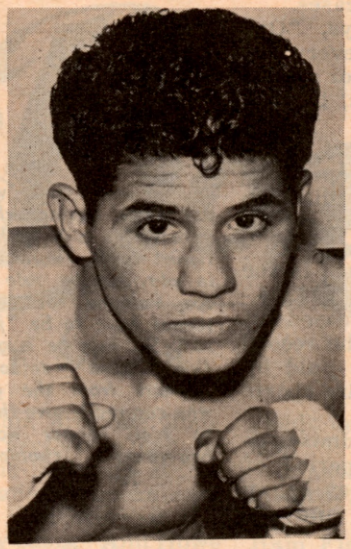

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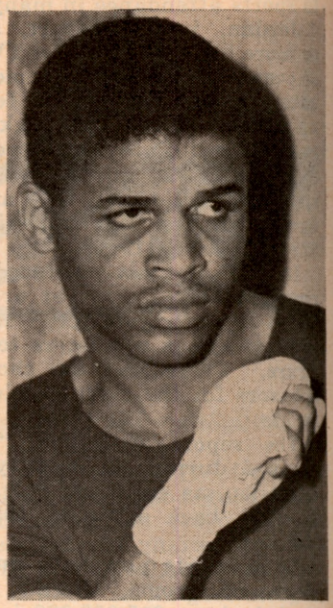

DON GRANT

California-'COMERS'

By BILL MILLER

NOAH WEBSTER, in his well-known and reliable dictionary, says a comer is "one who comes, or has come". We have a fine array of budding youngsters in that category, in California, lads whose names may some day be written in letters of gold in Boxing's Blue Book. The Ring Record Book, the guiding light of world pugilism.

Some of these may be morning-glories, and fall by the wayside. Hence I'm not climbing out on a limb with predictions. But as this is written, here are some of the outstanding boys of the Golden State.

Let's start with Cisco Andrade, the Compton Comet, an undefeated lightweight—undefeated in twenty-two pro fights, eleven of which he won by knockout. He won ten by decision, boxed one draw; that was with Freddie (Babe) Herman. But inasmuch as he defeated Herman in another fight, Cisco can make the proud boast that he's beaten every man he faced in the ring.

Cisco recently celebrated his 24th birthday; he's married, the father of two fine youngsters. His ring career was interrupted by a four-year tour of duty in the army, where he was a Staff Sergeant.

After nine prelim fights, six of which he won by kayo, Cisco was promoted to main events, made it an auspicious occasion by scoring a 2-round knockout over Lavert Smith. He's now a fixture in top-spots.

Cisco is managed by Ralph Gambina, an earnest, conscientious pilot who has one of the busiest stables on the Coast. Ralph manages about 25 pro scrappers—give or take a half-dozen.

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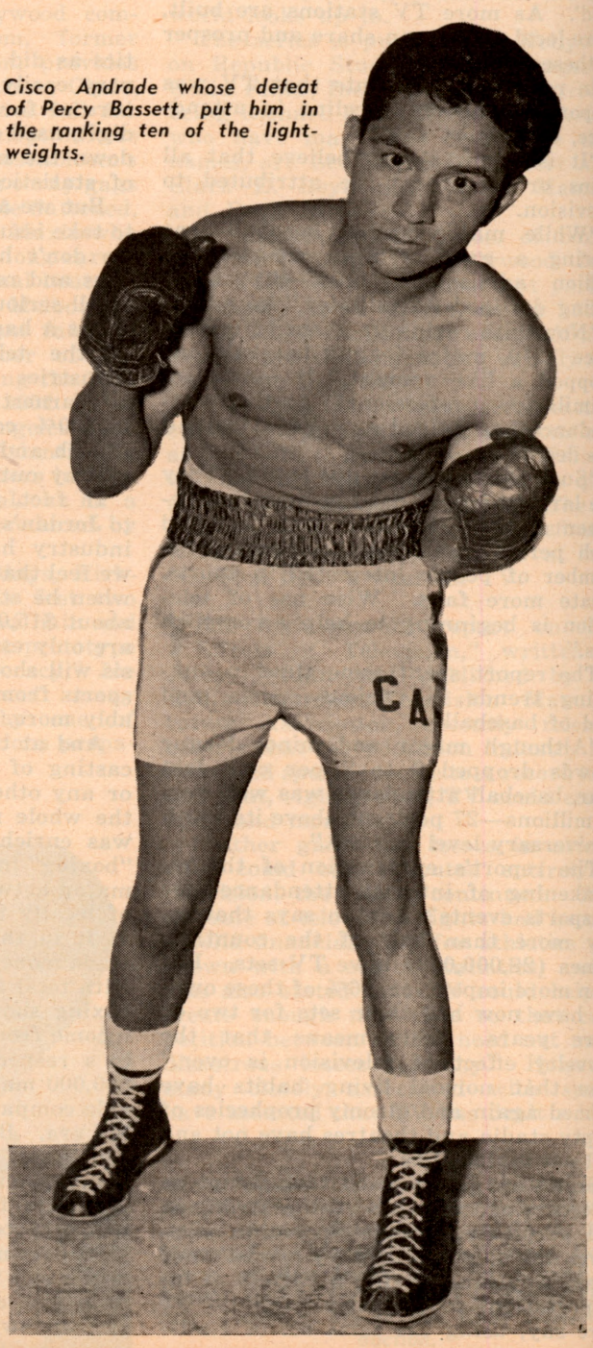
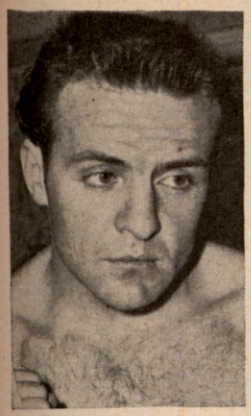
Among recent arrivals in main event ranks is Buddy Evatt, born and bred in Los Angeles, managed by smart little Jackie McCoy. In his 13th pro fight, his first main event. Evatt remained untied and undefeated by winning a split decision over aggressive Gilberto Muniz in a corking scrap. It's a sure-fire rematch, and may have taken place by the time this appears in print.

Another brand-new main eventer is Manual Renteria, 19-year-old Angeleno, managed by gentlemanly Ray Saldivar.

In his 13th pro fight, his first main event, Renteria scored a clean kayo over Armando Muniz, a lad who had previously

Cisco Andrade whose defeat of Percy Bassett, put him in the ranking ten of the lightweights.





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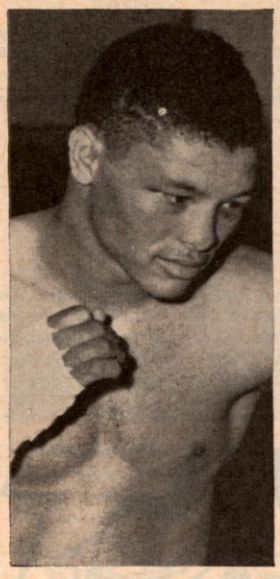
BUDDY EVATT



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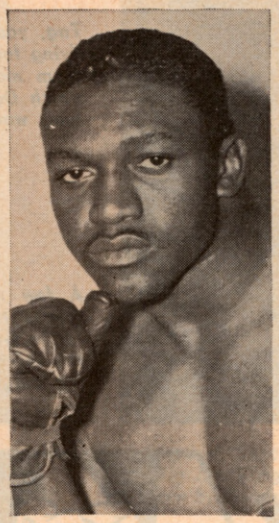

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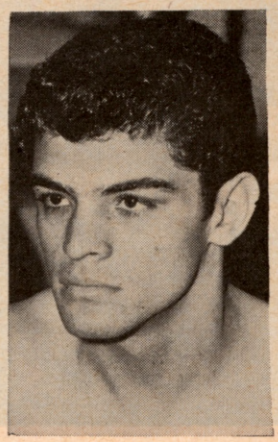

RAMON TISCARENO

held him to a split decision in a six-rounder. Manuel is a converted southpaw. In the second round of his fight with Muniz, he fired a short but potent left-hook to Muniz' jaw—and that was it, brethren.

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Untied and undefeated is classy Don Grant, 21-year-old light-heavyweight. To date he has had 12 fights, won eight by knockout, four by decision. There's no telling how good is this slender, clean-cut boy. He is managed by John Calloway and Duke Holloway, trained by Cal Woods.

Grant became a main-eventer in his 11th pro fight; he celebrated the occasion by scoring a 5-round knockout over Jesse Fuentes, brother of state welter champ Ramon. It was Jesse's first local defeat in eight fights; the first kayo of his career.

In his 12th fight, Grant took a one-sided verdict over former state middleweight champ Esau Ferdinand of San Francisco. Two of the officials gave him the edge in every round.

Don has a tie-in with half a dozen Presidents of the United States. Here's How: his own name, of course, reminds you of Unconditional Surrender Grant. Manager "Cab" Calloway was born John Lincoln Calloway, and that "Lincoln" wasn't for the auto. Co-Manager Duke Holloway was born Arthur Cleveland Holloway; the "Cleveland" for Grover, top-running Democrat of the Gay Nineties.

Trainer Cal Woods was born Calvin Coolidge Woods. And two of Don's ring victims were named Harding and Taylor—and of course you remember Warren Gamaliel Harding and Zachary Taylor?

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Ramon Tiscareno, welter, was born in Juarez, 20 years ago. Despite his youth, he's the father of three. He has had ten fights in California, won nine of them, four by knockout; the kayo victims being Denver Joe Fisher, Chu Chu Jimenez, Santiago Esteban and Joey Gurrola. Ramon is managed by the team of Dr. Al Stolper and Manuel Dros, a smart combo with a stable of seven good boys.

Willie Vaughn, the state middleweight champ, is entitled to his place in the sun too. He was the hero of the sharpest upset of 1953 when he snatched the title from Charley Green as a 10-1 underdog.

I make no prediction about how long he'll hold the title—Green is certain to be favored over him when they meet again. But on that one occasion, Vaughn rose to celestial heights, and he certainly merits inclusion amongst the "comers".

Vaughn is a Hollywood Legion Stadium stand-by, as are also fine kids like Don Jordan, lightweight; Vic "Kid" Ponce, feather; Andy Escobar, Rudy Jordan and the Campos brothers, Juan Luis and Frankie.

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AND now we come to the boys who have not yet reached main-event prominence, but who are the most talked-about in prelim ranks.

Big Bob Albright, 21, 6' 1" tall, weight 208, has had 13 pro fights, scored seven quick kayos. He is far from a finished product; most of us consider him a diamond in the rough. There may be flaws in this diamond; time will tell.

The point is that Albright has what-it-takes—box-office appeal. He socks 'em and rocks 'em; he can flatten a foe with a single swipe. Once he gets a man hurt, he's a tiger—reminiscent of the Manassa Mauler in that respect.

A former football star, idolized by fans of the San Fernando Valley, Big Bob may be fighting main events within the next few months.

Then there's huge Chuck Powell, Suey Welch's pride. He's 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 220. He's had very few fights, as yet; but his athletic background, his proportions, his potentialities entitle him to much respect. Chuck plays football with the San Francisco 49ers—defensive end. He was good enough in baseball to get a try-out with a major-league team. He starred in track and field in high school, in San Diego. And he has the benefit of advice from a real top-notch manager, Suey Welch. Gorilla Jones, former world welter champ, is Powell's trainer.

We'll just have to wait and see: this boy has the physical requirements, the natural ability.

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Jerry "Dutch" Fowler, untied and undefeated in seven pro fights, is managed by my old partner and associate, Walter "Whitey" Ekwert. Jerry has won four by decision, 3 by knockout; he shows steady improvement in all his fights, and with the old "Waju" advising him, may soon be fighting main events.

Whitey and I were associated with Frank Churchill for a number of years; later, in 1928, we went in partnership, managing fighters. I doubt if there's a better trainer in the business than the big Baltimore Pole.

Johnny "Joe" Novella, fiery welterweight, is managed by Joey Barnum. Here's a kid who's a real club-fighter. His style, as the poet says, "to dash against mine enemy and to win!" The fans toss money in the ring after all of Novella's fights.

I mustn't forget Santiago Esteban, Sparky Rudolph's Colorado clouter. He's a main eventer, a boy who has lost only four of his 27 pro fights. After losing to Ramon Tiscareno by TKO in the 7th round, last August, Esteban went in against Mario Trigo, the only man to defeat Tiscareno on the Coast, and scored a thrilling ten-round win as a 5-1 underdog.

There are, of course, other good boys coming up, but space and time prevents their inclusion.

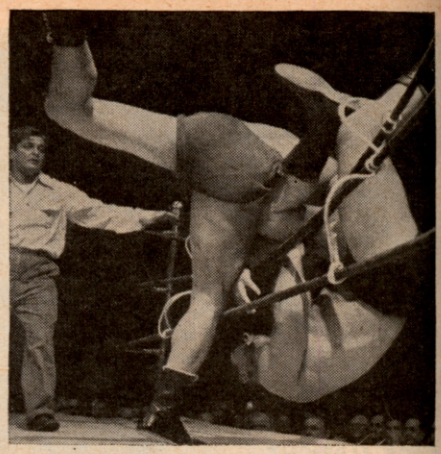
Napoleon once said that every soldier in the French army carried a marshall's baton in his knapsack.

Babe McCoy, who has been called the Napoleon of boxing, paraphrases that: he says that every prelim battler carries a main event contract in his glove.

There are other similarities between Napoleon and McCoy, but I won't go into details. Not today, Josephine, anyway.

Tag, you're it! Hal Kanner (right) goes flying feet-first into Frank Dalle in a tag-team match at Madison Square Garden which Dalle and his partner, Baron Gattoni, won.

A few rope tricks. Verne Gagne (left) throws Hans Schmidt through the ropes at the Garden. It was a finish match, with the referee disqualifying Schmidt for using rough tactics. That's rough.



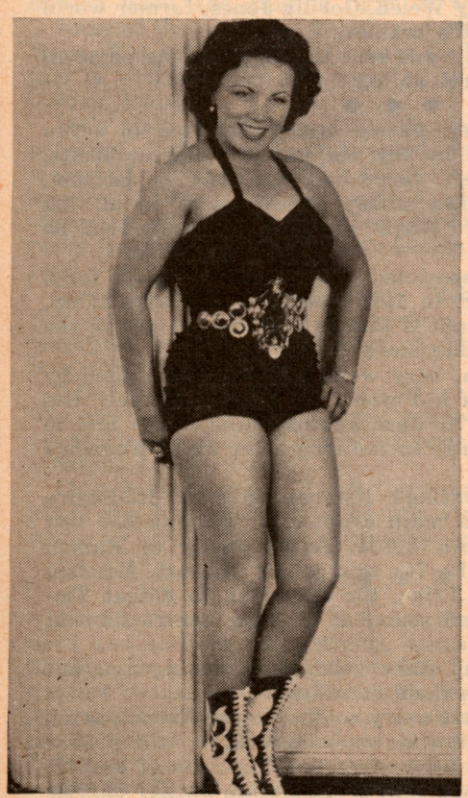
News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

THE ranks of wrestling's top money earners, the $100,000 a year men, have thinned rapidly in the last few years and only a few remain who can dig the gold out of the hills of the hinter-lands or carry enough weight to command a large sum in the occasional big shows which are run.

Verne Gagne, who could have been an outstanding professional football player, is perhaps wrestling's No. 1 heavy-money man, his yearly earnings well above the $100,000 mark. But even Gagne, to attain that not-to-be-sneezed at yearly income, must campaign on a round-the-year basis. Lou Thesz, Antonino Rocca, whose legs are ensured for $200,000, and Mildred Burke probably round out the wrestler's in the magic six-figure mark.

Close behind are Gene Stanlee, Primo Carnera, Don Eagle, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Sammy Berg and Tiger Joe Marsh as the leading wage earners, with Wladek Kowalski, Bill Longson, Pat O'Connor, brothers Ben and Mike Sharpe, June Byers, Cora Combs, Nell Stewart and Therese Theis bordering around the $50,000 a year figure, which doesn't figure too badly.



June Byers, of Houston, Texas, another claimant to the girl's wrestling world championship.

THE New Jersey State YMCA wrestling championships saw some great matches in all of the ten classes. The service team from Ft. Monmouth and Newton Y team finished in a tie for the team championship with 37 points each. Winners were 114 pounds, Howie Burt, Roselle Park; 121 pounds, Jerry Shirvanick of Ft. Monmouth; 128 pounds, Lou Tschirhart of Ft. Monmouth; 136 pounds, Ken Hoy of Ft. Monmouth; 147 pounds, Paul Gray of Newton; 155 pounds, Bill Decker of Newton; 165 pounds, Vito Paragino of Newton; 174 pounds, Lou Scalso of Newton; 191 pounds, Pete Newell of Leonia; Heavyweight Ralph Schmidt of Elizabeth retained the title he won in 1952. Ken Hoy of Ft. Monmouth won the trophy as the outstanding matman of the meet.

Verne Gagne, the N.W.A. heavyweight champion and former great football player at the University of Minnesota, has been trying to interest the athletic department of the school in staging an annual old-timer vs. varsity game as the climax of the spring training season, such as is an annual event at Notre Dame. Verne, who played end for the Gophers and later for the Green Bay Packers of N.F.L., would like to lead the team of Old Timers.

Verne had quite a scare when he lost his little black book a few weeks ago. No, this one didn't have any addresses in it, only a listing of his financial records for the past three years which he needed to pay his income tax. Verne asked all the sports writers in the east to mention the loss, in hopes that someone who found it would return it to him, and that is what happened. It was found in a hotel in Buffalo, N. Y.

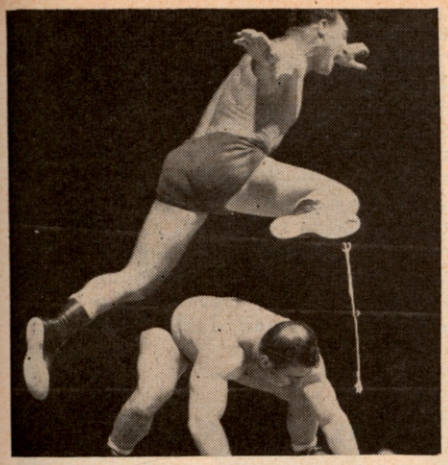
Lou Thesz stopped off in Tacoma, Wash., on his tour of the Northwest and had an easy time in scoring two straight falls over Lou Sjoberg in less then 17 minutes. Thesz won the first fall with a flying scissors and a semi-body press. The second fall came from a flying dropkick and a full body press. In a thrilling semi-final, Luther Lindsay and Earl McCready drew at one fall a piece. Luther won the first fall with a reverse elbow lock, and McCready took the second with a rolling leg cradle and an arm bar.

In other bouts, Dave Jons won over Bud Rattal, Danno McDonald defeated Jack O'Reilly, and Buddy Knox drew with Luigi Macera in a 20 minute time limit match.

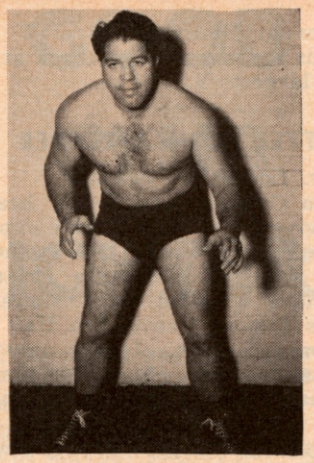
Despite his charm, Liberace, "Leo the Lion" that was taking quite a cuffing around from Gypsy Prince Congo in their bout at the Baltimore Coliseum, but when Congo applied a choke-hold the referee disqualified him at the 25 minute mark. In the semi-final, the pride of men, Darling Dagmar, defeated Carol Smith in a twenty minute time limit match. The win earned her a match with the Junior Women's champion, Slave Girl Moolah.

Adrian Baillargeon pinned Baron Gattoni in 19 minutes. Red Ryan defeated Gus Johnson with a triple leg press in 24 minutes.

Before a crowd of over 5,000 fans,



Low bridge and high hurdles. Pat O'Connor hurdles over Tony Cosenza in their wrestling match at the Garden. O'Connor, who is flying high, took the match.



Lou Thomas, former Indiana heavyweight boxing champ, turned wrestler, has now become a referee.

Leg work. Spectators and the referee work on Big Jim Wright's (center) leg after he was beaten by Buddy Rogers. (Photo by Bob Utter).

Verne Gagne pinned Dirty Dick Raines in 25:12 at his home town of Minneapolis. Gagne won when he ran Raines head into a corner post. Karl Karlson was pinned by Sky High Lee in 7:29. Tony Baillargeon flattened Tarzan Hewitt in 18 minutes. Johnny Moochy won over George Scott with a back breaker in 23 minutes. Roy McClarty and Bob McCune grappled to a pleasing draw in the 30 minute opener.

The tag team of Prince Oman and Jesse James overpowered the team of Zebra Kid and Stan Kowalski in their match at Worcester, Mass. Kowalski won the first fall over James in 16:55 with a body lift and slam. Stan was disqualified for failure to break a strangle hold on the Prince in 10:32, and Jesse came to the rescue with a top body press on the Zebra Kid in 8:45.

In a hair pulling match, Alma Mills won two straight falls, after losing the first to Mae Gibbs. Alma used the Irish Whip to win both of her falls.

Karl Von Erick and Ray Walker went to a draw in a time limit match at one fall apiece in what was the best match of the night.

Before a full house at the Forum in Montreal, Argentina Rocca defeated Yukon Eric. Rocca took the first fall in 12:35 and Eric even the match with a back breaker in 3:50. Rocca then tossed Eric into the crowd and Yukon could not get back into the ring in time and lost the final fall in 5 minutes.

The Royal tag team of Lords Blears and Layton, were beaten by the team of Rocky Brown and Leo Nomellini in their match at the Winterland in San Francisco.

The Lords' were disqualified in both falls. The first was not their fault as they jumped into action to save their valet, Captain Leslie Holmes who was being attacked by the hero, Leo. The referee did not see this and their lordships were penalized. When they both attacked Brown in 19:44, they were again disqualified by the referee and thus lost the match, to the joy of the fans.

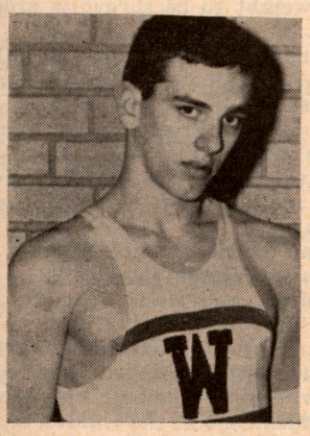
The Great Moto made a successful debut in Hartford by winning in two straight falls over the veteran Jumpin' Angelo Savoldi. The Great One took the first fall in 9:55 with a reverse body press, and wrapped up the match with his famous sleeper hold in 8:55. In other bouts, Les Ryan pinned Frank Natale, in 22:15 with a series of flying mares and a body press. Johnny Heidemann won from Fritz Zeigfried. Johnny won the first fall with chest choke and arm pull at 19:30. Fritz evened things up in 2:45 with a pile-driver, but Johnny roared back to win in 3 minutes with a body press.

EDMONTON WRESTLING REVIEW

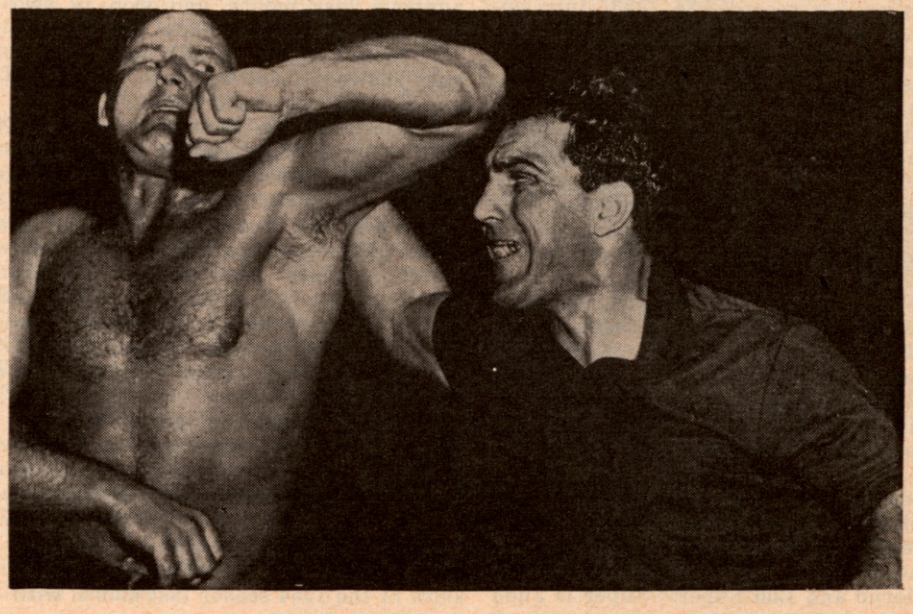
by Tomas V. Deugau

ACTING upon the suggestion of this writer, a fan club, namely the "Baillargeon Brothers Booster" club, was organized in Edmonton recently. Though the club isn't remiss in showering its heroes with plaudits and gifts, there is probably no other fan club quite as civic-minded or conscientious as this one. The first effort planned is to give aid to the St. Mary's Boys

Rocky Marciano, (right) world's heavyweight champ, refereeing a wrestling match, is seen softening up Hard Boiled Haggerty, after the latter had repeatedly fouled against Paul Baillargeon. Haggerty was disqualified.



Allen Schaare, a member of the Washington High wrestling squad, won the New Jersey State lightweight title. Allen is the son of The Ring's cover artist, Chris Schaare.



Home. The prime mover of this unique organization is Eunice Tutton, Secretary, 11435 63 Street, Edmonton. Anyone wishing information is directed to write to her or to this writer at 11119 53 Street, Edmonton. We would be pleased to hear from all wrestling fans and fan clubs.

Edmonton wrestling promoter Al Oeming cannot be accused of not giving the fans new faces. George Bollas is the biggest, meanest, roughest and toughest to hit the local ring in years. The 310-lbs. Bollas first met Tommy O'Toole and Tommy was carried from the ring on a stretcher. Next is was George Gordienko of Winnipeg who wound up in a local hospital for two weeks, recuperating from the severe beating he took.

Seelie Samara of Rio de Janeiro brought Bollas to his knees with his head butts and would have been the victor but the referee disqualified him. In a return match Bollas lost the first fall but seemed to have the second when he applied a leg hold, spraining Samara's ankle, with the latter unable to continue.

Jean Baillargeon, wrestling's strongest man, defeated Tommy O'Toole with full Nelsons, which gave him two falls out of three.

Warren Bockwinkle defeated Steve Patrick. Big Bob Mike lost to Sandor Fozo. Pat Meehan, an ex-Edmonton policeman, lost to Mister E, the Masked Marvel.

The writer has been elected president of the Baillargeon Brothers Booster Club.

IN bygone years, June Byers, the only girl who now has an official claim to girl wrestling world championship, was defeated many times by such girls as Elvira Snodgrass, Mildred Burke, Mae Weston, and many others, but she had what it took to eventually become a great champion. In recent years, June has wrestled in hundreds of cities throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Cuba without one single defeat against her record. In 1953, June entered the World Championship Tournament in Baltimore, Maryland, which was ordered and sponsored by the Maryland State Athletic Commission, which received its appointment from the Governor of Maryland. June won the tournament and was personally presented the World Championship Belt by James T. Holmes, chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission.

Woodlynne, New Jersey, population 3200, and a suburb of Camden. The Police force of three officers, Charles Johnson doing publicity, and Vince Salerno wrestler, are attempting to build a PAL (Police Athletic League) program of wrestling and athletics for the kids and teenagers. They intend to use the second floor of our Town Hall which is a big dance floor to install a wrestling ring in which will be given mat and judo exhibitions by Vince Salerno and Lou Super. Super is Judo instructor at Philly's Central Y and Salerno is again wrestling coach at the world's largest Y.

LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Mr. Loubet:

I am a Camden New Jersey heavyweight wrestler of considerable experience. Recently I worked for promoter Al Haft in the middle west. Prior to that I have wrestled many times at Camden's famous Convention Hall before it burned down. I have wrestled since I was ten years old at the Camden YMCA and still use the Y to train in.

I am writing you to publicly lay claim to the Italian junior-heavyweight title of North America. If anyone disputes my claim let him come forward and we'll battle it out in the ring. I weigh 210 lbs and am 30 years of age. I herein lay claim to the Italian junior-heavyweight championship of all North American.

Your sincerely,
DOMINIC "DOC" DOGANIERO

CHAMPION Lou Thesz made his third appearance of the year at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Indianapolis last month and won in two straight falls over Buddy Rogers.

Promoter Billy Thom's paid attendance showed 10,500 which is 1,500 over his last Coliseum attraction.

Thesz took the first fall in 18:32 with a flying body scissors and a body press. The second frame went to Rogers but he was later disqualified by Referee Harry Burris for refusing to break his famed figure four grapevine. Burris claimed that Thesz had his shoulders outside of the ring. Rogers protested the action but Burris held his ground and headed the "Atomic Blond" to the showers. Thesz weighed 224; Rogers, 235.

Undercard groaning saw Wild Bill Longson, 238, win over Johnny Valentine, 230, after 27:16. Pete Managoff flopped Pedro Godoy in the opener.

Matt Mercurio, promoting at Hagerstown, Ind., went with his second big show of the 1954 season last month with the Great Scott and Ruffy Silverstein in the main event slot.

Scotty captured first honors in 19:32 with Silverstein making it 1—all by scoring second honors in 2:45. The former won the third session and the match in 5:56.

Edmund Francis, a rough and ready character from Columbus, O., administered fall treatment to Frenchman Andre' Drapp in the semiwindup while Chief Kit Fox, the clever Indian matman, beat roughian Jack (Red Top) Vansky in the opener.

GAGNE DEFEATS SCHMIDT

by Joe Smith

THE Garden again has played host to the wrestling fan. As usual the crowd(?) went wild. It was another low for wrestling at the Garden as only 7,555 fans paid $25,190.28—to see their favorites in action.

Events of the night started off very dull, with Red Ryan, 240, Philadelphia, and Adrien Balliageren, 220, Canada, drawing in a 20-minute sleeper. Ted Lewin, 210, from Buffalo, threw Buddy Gilbert, 200, in 11:16 with a body press, in their scheduled 20-minute bout. Tony Martinelli, 218 Clifton, N. J.

Primo Carnera (left) former world's heavyweight boxing champ, tosses Gonzales weight around in a wrestling match in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Italian Giant defeated Gonzales of Spain.

and Frank Milan, 234, Huntington, L. I., drew in 20 minutes.

The Tag team match, a one hour limit affair in which the winners are the best two out of three falls brought together Bill Lee, 224, Los Angeles, and Hal Kanner, 212, Brooklyn, opposing Baron Gattoni, 310, and Frank Dalle, 346, both hailing from Italy. The latter team won the match with their weight and nothing else and believe me that's a lot of weight to be throwing around any ring.

The semi match between Pat O'Connor, 231, Australia, and Tony Cosenza, 212, Flushing, L. I., which saw the wearing of the green Pat O'Connor start the Irish off to an early week, with a win over the popular Tony Cosenza, in 9:49 with a airplane spin and slam.

The main event brought together the ever-popular Verne Gagne, 221, Exceliser, Minn. and Hans Schmidt, 240, Chicago, Ill.

The fans saw the ex-Minnesota All-American football player and undefeated wrestling champ, receive his worse punishment at the Garden in five starts. Hans Schmidt, the TV terror of the west, with his rough tactics for which he is famous really roughed it up and Gagne found out the hard way. He used varied assortments of airplane spins and dropkicks, mostly kicks.

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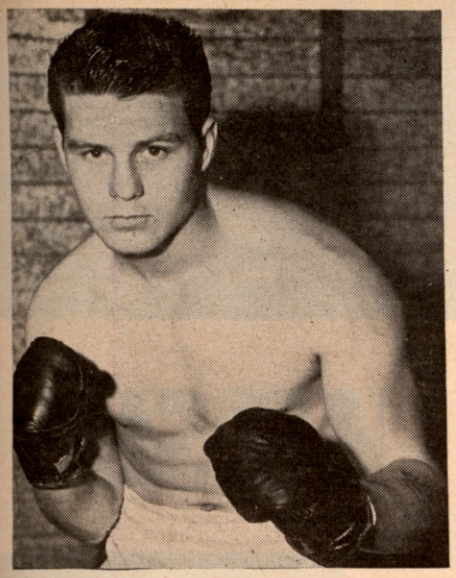
GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS



Paul Jorgeson, unbeaten 21-year-old lightweight from the Lone Star State.

JOHNNY DIGILIO

A TOUGH junior welterweight whose rapid advance has New Jersey boxing fans buzzing is Johnny Digilio of Bayonne.

Johnny has been the winner in 23 of 26 fights since he turned pro in the fall of 1950, following a two year amateur career that saw him go through 25 bouts without a loss. As a simon-pure he won two Golden Glove titles, in the featherweight and lightweight divisions, while racking up 17 knockouts.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Johnny's one of eight children. A handsome lad with dark, curley hair and black eyes, he is solidly built and stands 5 feet 7 in. He is still single.

A graduate of Bayonne Tech High School, where he studied electrical engineering, he found time to star at shortstop in baseball.

A diligent gym worker, when not training or working as a telephone lineman with Western Electric Company, he can be found swimming or horseback riding.

An aggressive fighter who likes to stand and mix with his foes, he has scored eight kayos as a pro. Johnny has won decisions over Richie Crump, Brian Kelly, Freddie (Babe) Herman, Al Robbins, Billy Murphy, Rocky Sullivan, Larry Baker, Tommy Dixon, Miguel Mendivil, and Henny Winchman. Two of his losses have come in fights with Dennis Pat Brady.

He is managed by Pat Amato.

PAUL JORGESON

BACK in the late Thirties and early Forties the pride of Port Arthur, Texas, was Dick Menchaca, who was National A.A.U. bantamweight champion and later had a fine record as a pro scrapper. Today Dick's protege Paul Jorgeson is the one who has them talking "Deep in the Heart of Texas".

Paul, who started fighting as an amateur in 1950, when he scaled only 105 pounds, won 48 of 52 simon-pure bouts, scoring 21 kayos, as he won two state AAU titles, four Regional Golden Glove crowns, and the Junior Olympic title.

A fine softball player, but too small for athletics at Thomas Jefferson high school in Port Arthur, he earned his letter as the hard working manager of the football team.

Jorgeson turned down a scholarship to Louisiana State U. to go to work for the Dupont Chemical Company and pursued his boxing career by turning pro.

In one year of professional campaigning he has notched twelve straight wins, to move into the main event class and win recognition as the lightweight prospect of the month in the September 1953 issue of The Ring.

A two fisted slugger, he is also a good defensive boxer, and is nicknamed the "Port Arthur Flash". Among his victims are Bobby Garza, Tony Olivas, Lorenzo Garcia, Henry Luera, Bobby Henry and Israel Garcia.

This 5 foot 8 inch lad was born in Port Arthur, April 5, 1934.

RONNIE STRIBLING

A TWO fisted puncher from Iowa's corn belt who is rapidly becoming a favorite with midwestern boxing fans, Ronnie Stribling of Cedar Rapids, is helping to revive the boxing game in his home state.

Ronnie, born Roland Schnorbelen, July 24, 1928, in Cedar Rapids, was a superb athlete in high school. As an amateur glove tosser he compiled an impressive record, winning 27 of 31 bouts, 15 by knockouts. Following his graduation from high school he enlisted in the U. S. Marines. During his service in the Armed Forces he was undefeated in 32 scraps which included winning the Marine 126-pound championship.

After his return to civilian life, Ronnie, who had been recently married, turned pro, making his debut in June of 1952. In 37 fights he has never been knocked out, while scoring 28 wins, and boxing 4 draws. A stiff puncher with either hand, he has kayoed nine, including Kenny Lane, Tony Spano, Billy Wagner, Ray Art, and Earl Gaudeau. Ronnie Holds decisions over Nelson Foreman, Ray Adams, Johnny Valentine, Wilbur Robinson, Dick Powell, Ziggy Biela and Jimmy Savala.

He now makes his home in Chicago with his wife and two children, a boy and girl. Ron works as a welder during the day, and trains at the Midwest Gym at night.

Stribling, who has done most of his fighting in Chicago, is managed by Danny Spunt.

Ronnie Stribling, hustling young lightweight prospect from the Middle-West.

Tim Jones, the fighting musician from Plainfield, N. J. A promising young middleweight.

Johnny Digilio, a fast action welterweight Scrapper from Bayonne, N. J.

TIM JONES

TIM JONES is a fast punching young middleweight from Plainfield, N. J., who shows promise of reaching the top.

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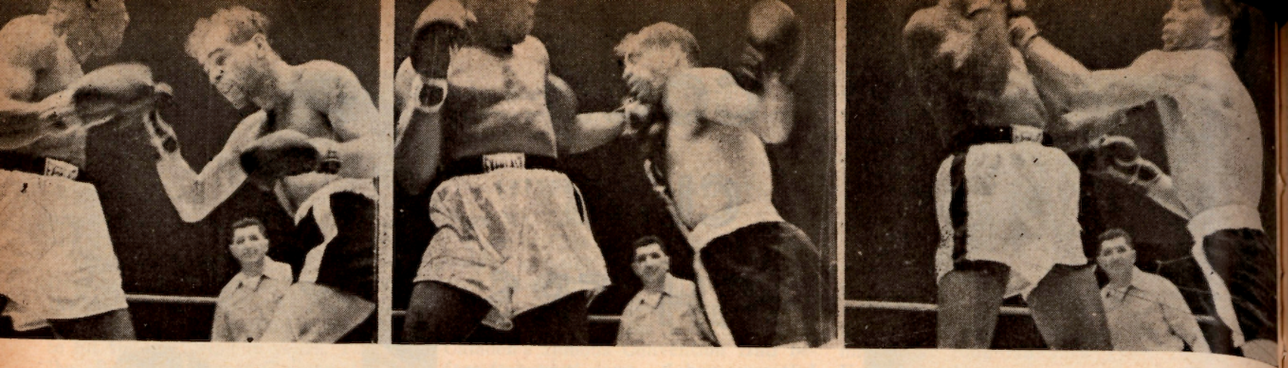
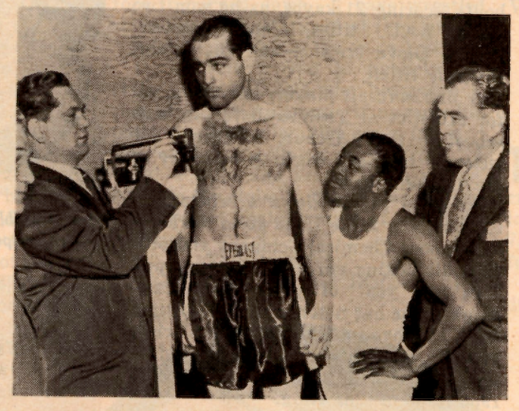
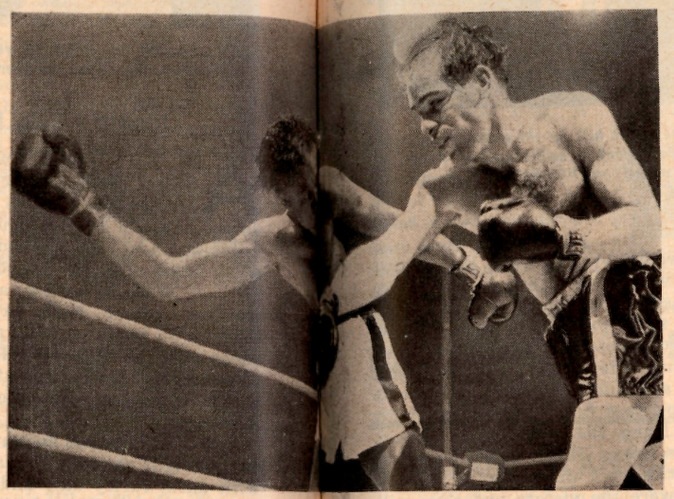


The fifth round, with the magic eye of the camera catching Kid Gavilan (left) throwing a left hook and Bobo Olson countering with a left hook to the face; and Olson's right finding it's mark, Gavilan's face.

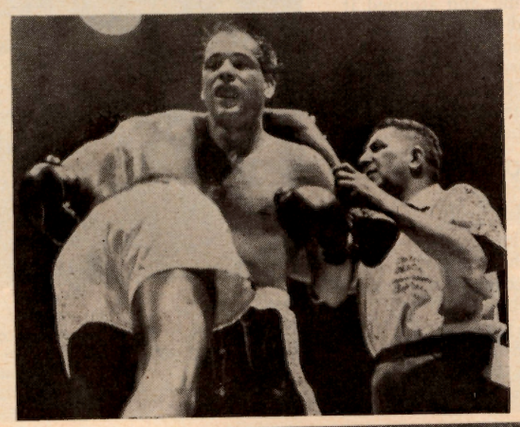
OLSON AGAIN



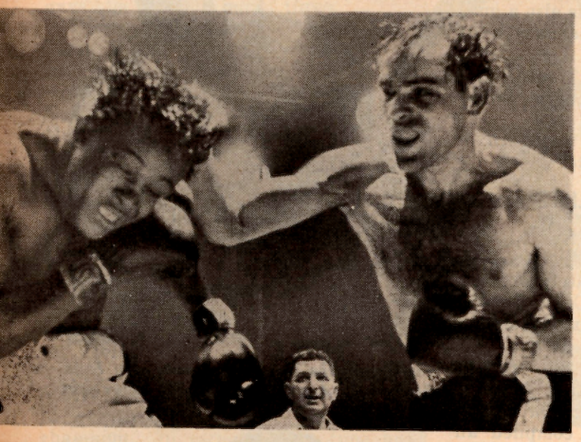
A Weighty Problem. Olson on the scales at Chicago Stadium for the official weigh-in the afternoon of the fight while Gavilan looks on. Jim Norris, president of the I.B.C., it at right.



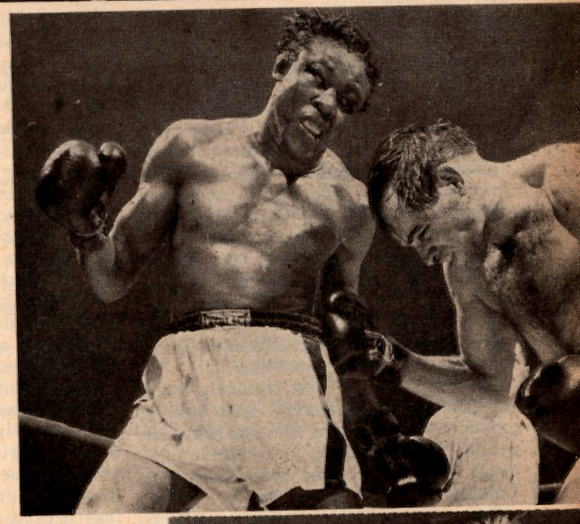
(Right) Kid Gavilan (left) didn't use his famed bolo too often but brought it into play in the fifteenth round, after Olson missed with a right. The Hawk used his right sparingly throughour the fight.



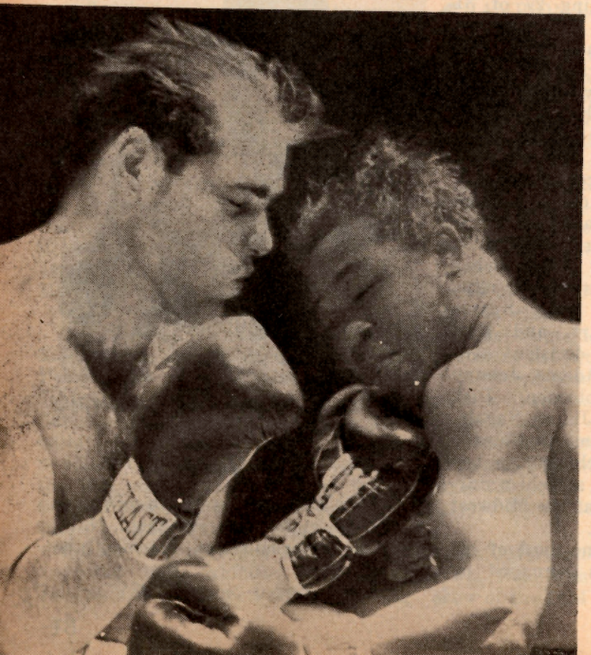
Foreign Entanglements. Olson, of Hawaii, and Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, both champs, wrestled into unpredictable positions at times, especially as they grew tired in the late rounds. Referee Weissman tries to separate them in the 12th round.



(Left) Bobo Olson (right), who carried the fight to Gavilan all the way and never stopped punching, connects with a hard right to the head in the closing seconds of the fight.

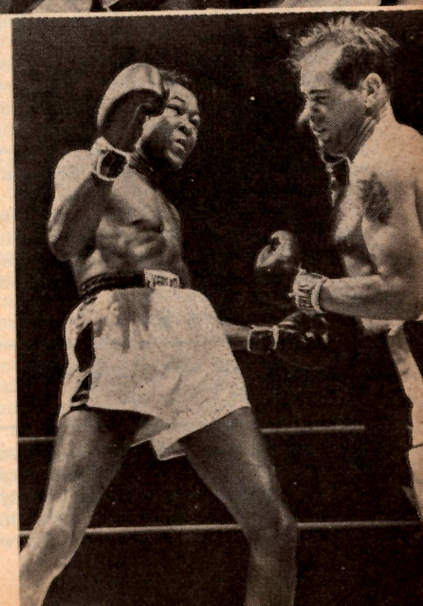


(Right) Blood flowing from a cut over his right eye, Kid Gavilan, challenging for Bobo Olson's middleweight title, tries to back away from a driving right thrown by Olson.



(Left) Bobo Olson (left) sends a hard left to Kid Gavilan's chin in the fourteenth round of the "Battle of the Champions." Gavilan tried to fight a one-handed bout and wound up on the wrong end of the decision.

(Left) The Big Sleep. Kid Gavilan, who failed in an attempt to become a dual champion, sleeps it off the morning after as the newspapers graphically told of his defeat.



(Right) Kid Gavilan (left) started fast and in the first three rounds appeared to be on his way to upsetting Bobo Olson. Here Gavilan rocks the middleweight champ with a sharp left in the second round.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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Gagne tried hard to get his famous holds on Schmidt but he wasn't having any of it, and got out of the ring on each time. It was only a matter of time before Vern would need help from the series of kicks, gouges, stomps and every other thing you can think of. Finally Referee Johnny Garan, Jr., came to the rescue of Gagne who was sick of the whole thing and stopped it at 20:43 and declared Verne Gagne the winner. This delighted the fans, mostly the fair sex, who were cheering Gagne on to the end. Both Gagne and Garan shared in the applause to bring down the curtain for another night.

LOU THOMAS

An interview by Bob Utter

HANDSOME Lou Thomas, a big lackadaisical guy with a million dollar personality, recently combined officiating and wrestling to become one of Indiana's most popular ring figures!

Big Lou was born in Indianapolis and attended school there. He was active in many sports including baseball, football and wrestling.

Weighing 225-pounds and standing two inches over the six-foot mark, Thomas while still in high school took up boxing and proved to many that he had what it takes to become one of the country's top fistic stars. He faced such noted ringmen as Arne Anderson, the Swedish heavyweight champion; Melio Bettina, former world's light-heavyweight champion, and Lem Franklin, a nationally known heavyweight.

As a wrestler Thomas has met and defeated a number of top ranking groaners. Such names as Johnny (Mr. Satan) Rococo, Billy Fox, Scotty Williams and Young Bull Montana have found Lou to be a tough cookie.

The fact that Lou formerly held the Indiana state heavyweight boxing crown and because of his size was the reason for his taking out referee's license. At present Lou holds license in Indiana as a boxing and wrestling referee and of course for wrestling itself.

The 37-year old Hoosier is married and has two children. He is a snappy dresser and holds the distinction of having played in a motion picture. His part was in "Johnny Holliday," a story concerning the Indiana Boys School at Plainfield, Ind.

As his favorite foods, Lou selects steaks, vegetables and a salad. He likes to hunt, fish and during the summer you can usually find him on a golf course.

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AUSTRALIAN WRESTLING NEWS

By T. A. Gannon

AUSTRALIA now has a recognized National Tag Team Championship with the holders being a rugged Sydney pair, Jon Morro and Snowy Dowton. Leichhardt Stadium, looking for a new angle to hold the fans during the off-season, promoted a tag team tournament and announced that the winners would be crowned Australian Tag Team Champions. After three months of furious action, three teams remained on equal points. Bob George and his English partner Allen Sherry, Allan Pinfold and his American partner Bud Cody, and the New South Wales duet of Morro and Dowton. When Bob George was injured in a singles match, Sherry was left without a partner and, as there were only two leading teams left, the promoters decided to match them with the title at stake. Pinfold and Dowton are bitter enemies and have fought out many a gruelling contest so the grudge element was present in the contest. Cody and Morro are known to be anything but friendly and the result was a packed house eager to see the two teams tear each other apart. Tempers got frayed early in the bout as Dowton and Morro used their usual rough house tactics while Pinfold and Cody countered with dropkicks and flying tackles. As the action got wilder, Pinfold and Cody started to mix rough tactics with the speed and science but eventually carried it too far and were disqualified. The decision brought forth a roar of disapproval from the fans but the verdict stood.

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Just back in Australia after many years abroad is Bobby Pearce, the world famous sculling champion. Bobby turned to professional wrestling some years ago without any startling success and eventually sustained a broken leg in a match with Wallace Muscovich. However, Leichhardt promoters brought Bobby in to act in the role of referee in a bout between John Morro and Baron von Heczey, the Hungarian nobleman. As a referee, Bobby Pearce proved quite efficient and gave a good impartial display, eventually declaring the contest drawn when von Heczey and Morro were each successful in gaining a fall. On the same programme Bob George, recovered from his injuries, returned to partner Allen Sherry against Allan Pinfold and Bud Cody. The match was clean and fast for a tag contest with George being the only one to depart from the rules. However, his unorthodox tactics paid dividends as he and Sherry were the victors and they will probably be seen in action against Morro and Dowton with the tag title at stake at an early date.

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Australia is opening doors for the 1954 season. So far there has been no announcement of the team from overseas but it is thought that Ted Christy, the perfumed villian from California, may visit us again. Ted has been on a European tour and, as he married an Australian girl, he may take the opportunity of a working holiday in Australia this year to allow his wife the chance to see her folks.

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Roy "Mr. Australia" Heffernan, globe trotting Australian adonis, has now left Germany and France where he was a sensation and is currently displaying his wares in South Africa where George Pencheff is also in action. George and Roy are combining well as a tag team and will be off to Canada shortly for a campaign. Pencheff is well known to the majority of American wrestling fans as he has been around for a long time and has clashed with the best in the world. Heffernan is expected to be as great a success as George was in his heyday as he is fast, strong and totes 235 pounds around the ring with him. He has clashed with Bert Assirati and most of the leading stars in India and has beaten just about every top European star in the game.

Nat Loubet (left) managing editor of The Ring Magazine, pinch hits for the globe travelling Nat Fleischer, to give Paddy Demarco the 163rd Ring Belt which is emblematic of Paddy's newly won world lightweight championship. The award was given at Gallagher's Restaurant in New York City.

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Bass in 15 rounds at the Garden. He also won in 15 rounds from Dundee, who tried to come back, but seven months after he had beaten Bass, he was outpointed by Andre Routis, the Frenchman.

In 1929 he made his first attempt to win the lightweight title only to lose to Mandell. He won the next time when he kayoed Singer and he hung on to the championship for three years.

Canzoneri was a fighting champion. He defended the title against Jackie (Kid) Berg, Billy Petrolle and Kid Chocolate. He also found time to win the junior welterweight title from Berg and lose it to Johnny Jaddick. He later regained the 140 pound championship from Battling Shaw.

It was in Chicago on June 23, 1933 that Canzoneri surrendered both the lightweight and junior-welterweight championships to Barney Ross. They fought back in New York and again Ross won. Both fights were close, but the fistic experts were agreed that time was catching up with Canzoneri.

The experts were wrong. Ross went on to win the welterweight championship from Jimmy McLarnin. When he gave up the lightweight throne, Canzoneri was matched with Lou Ambers. Ambers, the Herkimer Hurricane, is also an Italian-American. He had been Canzoneri's sparring partner, and when they fought for the vacated title he acted like one. Tony was a master boxer that night. He let Ambers do all the work while he piled up points. The decision went to Canzoneri, and he was lightweight champion again.

Canzoneri sandwiched in a title defense against Al Roth before meeting Ambers again. This time the Hurricane was not too diverted from its destructive course. Ambers won, and even Canzoneri had no quarrel with the verdict.

Everybody agreed that Canzoneri's fight with McLarnin was for money only. This was to be an easy one for Baby Face Jimmy. Beaten by Ambers, Tony was washed up.

In the first round Tony turned quickly and bumped into the michrophone hanging over the ring. It cut his head, but it didn't stop him. He gave McLarnin the licking of his life, knocking him down in the second round, and going on to win the decision.

A few weeks later Canzoneri tried to regain the championship from Ambers. He had nothing left, and Lou won with ease. Then Ambers aspired to fight McLarnin. His style proved made to order for the hard-hitting Irishman.

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Ambers was born Louis D'Ambrosio in Herkimer, N. Y., on Nov. 8, 1913. He learned his trade in bootleg bouts, a semi-pro competition, up state, and he developed into a first class fighting man. Following his series with Canzoneri, Ambers defended the crown against Pedro Montanez, the Puerto Rican, on the Carnival of Champions. His easy victory was all the more remarkable because previously he had been beaten by Montanez in a non-title battle.

In one of the greatest of all lightweight title battles Ambers was defeated by Henry Armstrong, who held both the featherweight and welterweight championships at the time. In another great battle the following year the Herkimer Hurricane outpointed the triple champion to regain the lightweight throne.

Difficulty making the weight led to Ambers' downfall. He was an easy target for the terrific right hands Lew Jenkins bounced off his chin. Ambers was knocked out in the third round. He met Jenkins later in an over-weight bout and was knocked out in seven rounds. He terminated his career in 1941 after 10 years in the ring.

Having won the title from an Italian-American, Jenkins lost it to another. His conqueror was Sammy Angott, born Jan. 17, 1915 in Washington, Pa. Angott out mauled Lew, but after defending the crown against Allie Stolz announced his retirement. Changing his mind Sammy regained the National Boxing Association's version of the title, by defeating Slugger White. He then lost it to Juan Zurita, the Mexican.

Angott was the last of the Italian-Americans to hold the lightweight championship until DeMarco came along. Paddy demonstrated that the race still produces first class fighting men at least in the lightweight division.

SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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Newark, and Neely Welsh, 155½, was winner over Paul Griffin, 151½, in an all-Brooklyn get-together.

A strong finish influenced the officials into awarding Orlando Zulueta, 137½, Cuba, an unpopular decision over Dennis Pat Brady, 137¾, Bronx, in a rough ten at Eastern Parkway. The majority of the spectators thought Brady had won. The aggressive Bronxite, had much the better of the going for eight rounds, but he tired from the pace —and Zulueta's repeated low punching—and the Cuban came on with a closing rally that netted him the verdict. It was a rough brawl, with Zulueta the chief offender. Orlando was penalized the sixth round, but Referee Ray Miller appeared lenient with him on several other occasions. Brady did the more effective punching. He bounced Zulueta off the bottom rope with a left hook in the first and hurt him again with another in the seventh. Pat suffered cuts on the right cheek in the third and another on the left eyebrow in the fifth but his aggressive pace didn't slow down until the last two rounds. Jack LaBua, 150½, East Meadow, outpointed Roosevelt Coward, 145¾, Philadelphia, in the semi-final eight. Joe Gambino, 130, Astoria, won from Guillermo Robert, 131, Cuba, in six. In fours, Bernie Lynn, 145¾, Jamaica, decisioned William Lord, 146, Bronx, and Joey Tufaro, 138, stopped a fellow-Brooklynite, Walter Kapa, 139¼, at 1:58 of the third.

With the fifth show producing another blob of red ink on the ledgers, the I.B.C. decided to discontinue its "new talent" program at St. Nicholas Arena. The $1,884, contributed by 854 clients, fell about $1,000 short of giving the promoters an even shuffle, and brought total losses for the five cards to an estimated $7,500. Heavy rental and stiff operating expenses made the gamble too hazardous, and the I.B.C's decision to call a halt was generally expected. In the featured eight of the windup card, Ray Drake, 159½, Brooklyn, had an easy time disposing of heavier but ring rusty Pete Arebalo, 167, also of Brooklyn. (Arebalo hardly was "new talent"; he started fighting in 1950 but had been out of action for a year until brought back for this show.) Pete didn't seem in very good condition; he made things fairly interesting for a few rounds but ran out of gas and was being well plastered when Referee George Walsh called it quits 27 seconds after the start of the fifth. In sixes, Felix Montenegro, 139½, France, outpointed Frankie Freese, 141, East Side, and Johnny Jenkins, 176, Harlem, decisioned Egray Riley, 168, Bronx. In fours, Ray Kiley, 134, Bronx, won from Steve Proko, 139, East Side; Terry Ciccheti, 151¼, Bronx, stopped Lou Fusco, 146¾, Bronx, at 2:49 of the first, and Lou Marsicano, 144, East Side, finished Tony Pannone, 145¾, Fort Lee, N. J., at 1:12 of the third.

Although he won handily enough in his American debut, highly-touted Gustav Scholz, 156½, Germany, was something less than a four-alarm riot in a hard-fought but not too exciting ten with Al Andrews, 155¼, Superior, Wisc., in Madison Square Garden. Scholz, an awkward southpaw, showed toughness, aggressiveness and a stiff punch, but seemed clumsy and had little defense against Andrews' rights. Al bounced plenty of them off Gus' chin, but they didn't bother the German unduly. Scholz dropped Andrews momentarily in the fifth, though Al had to take the mandatory eight, and he sent the Wisconsin youngster stumbling into the ropes again in the seventh. The expected turnout of local German fans failed to materialize and the fight drew a disappointing attendance of 3,210 (it looked even less) and gross gate receipts of only $9,289. In the semi-final, listed for eight but cut to six because of TV time, Danny Jo Perez, 140¾, West Side, whipped Henry Winchman, 144¾, East Side. Bobby Bell, 127, Youngstown, O., outpointed Charley McGarrity, 129, Roswell, N. M., in another eight. In fours, Nur Mohammed, 136, India, clowned and slapped his way to a verdict over Ray Portilla, 135½, Stamford, Conn.; Ralph Paterson, 143, Philadelphia, edged out Gene Johns, 148, Harlem, and Segundo Perez, 120, Brooklyn, had the better of Cleo Ortiz, 121¾, Puerto Rico.

The biggest gamble he had taken as Eastern Parkway promoter paid off in plenty of personal satisfaction, if not too much cash profit, for Emil Lence. It looked as though Lence was headed for trouble when he guaranteed Dan Bucceroni $10,000 for meeting youthful Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, but developments justified the daring venture. The Joint bulged with humanity, and the attendance, announced as 4,200, was the largest in the arena's history as a fight center. The gross gate was $11,246 (about $8,500 net), with another $9,500 coming in from television. Jackson picked up the healthiest purse of his brief but sensational career—about $4,300. Howie Turner, 196½, Jamaica, scored two knockdowns in taking the decision from Johnny Hoye, 206, Bronx, in a cumbersome six-round semi-final. Wilfredo Miro, 158, Cuba, had too many left hands for Ricardo King, 158, Pittsburgh, in another six. In fours, Joe Lissy, 150, Yorkville, whipped Joey Erskine, 149½, Bronx; Otis Woodward, 153½, Harlem, decisioned a neighborhood rival, Billy Frank, 149½, and Carl Kuhlmeier, 195½, Brooklyn, showed little respect for a grand old name by disposing of George Washington, 201½, Brooklyn, at 2:46 of the first.

Although beaten in his first main event, Billy McNeece, 160½, Central Islip, came through with a surprisingly good showing against ranking Ralph Jones, 157, Yonkers, in a furious brawl at Eastern Parkway. With only eleven pro bouts behind him, and traveling ten rounds for the first time, McNeece wasn't awed in the least by his opponent's reputation. The rougher the going, the harder Billy fought. Jones was too shifty and ringwise, and won decisively, but he had to battle every second of the way to stay in front of the rugged, free-swinging Long Islander. An old gash above McNeece's left eye reopened in the second, and bled throughout the fight. Billy stood up under savage punishment at times, but did some lusty clouting on his own account, and more than once hurt Jones with booming body blows. Jack LaBua, 157¾, East Meadow, outslugged Clem Florio, 157, Ozone Park, in a bruising semi-final eight. George Collins, 133½, Elmhurst, outpointed Johnny Carr, 126½, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Vito Iacobellis, 146, Long Island City, beat Frank Bombiani, 148, Ambridge, Pa.; Bobby Slaughter, 176, Philadelphia, stopped Elmo Lincoln, 173¾, Newark, with three seconds remaining of the first, and Bill Keener, 190, East Side, was eight seconds faster disposing of Rue Williams, 208½, Harlem.

With the Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey circus moving into Madison Square Garden for its annual spring stay, the I. B. C.'s Friday night operations shifted to St. Nicholas Arena, and the first card was topped by a main-event encore of a Garden semi-final between Paolo Rosi, 133¾, Italy, and Eddie Compo, 133, New Haven. Rosi won the decision in the first meeting, but this time made his victory more decisive by stopping the faded veteran at 2:21 of the sixth. Supposedly a clever boxer, Compos was a sucker for Rosi's right and couldn't get out of its way. Eddie was dropped in the third, badly mauled in the fourth and fifth, and when he sagged to one knee in the sixth Referee Al Berl intervened without bothering to count. The bout marked Rosi's fifth straight win in local rings, but his first in a main event. The Italian visitor is a strong, willing "club fighter" with a style more American than European. The semi-final, scheduled for eight, also was abbreviated, Walter Brown, 133, Baltimore, stopping Tommy Roberts, 135¾, Harlem, at 2:21 of the fifth. Another kayo was posted in a six when Frank Ippolito, 139, Bronx, finished Gene Johnson, 138¾, Harlem, at 0:56 of the third. Bill Tate, 158½, Chicago, decisioned Jimmy Clemente, 160, in another six, while in fours Iggy Maldonado, 134, East Side, whipped Ray Kiley, 134½, Bronx, and Emil Meyers, 139, Brooklyn, won from Braxton Reed, 135½, North Borneo.

Improved considerably since his previous visit here two years ago, Eduardo Lausse, 160½, Argentina, opened his second North American campaign by grabbing a split, unpopular decision from Jesse Turner, 159, St. Louis, in a furious ten at Eastern Parkway. An aggressive, free-swinging slugger, Lausse forced the action most of the way and while he missed more punches than he landed, he scored often enough to influence Referee Mark Conn and Judge Bert Grant into giving him a 5-4-1 edge. Most of the customers felt the other judge, Arthur (Young Otto) Susskind, was nearer the right score when he voted 6-4 for Turner. The St. Louisian's shifty boxing, stabbing left, and effective counter-punching seemed to have earned him a slight margin. It was a bitterly-fought brawl all the way. Both boys suffered gashed left eyebrows, Turner in the seventh and Lausse in the eight. In the semi-final eight, unbeaten Carmelo Costa, 130, Brooklyn, kept his winning skein intact by whipping Earl Hilton, 130, Philadelphia. George Collins, 137, Elmhurst, decisioned Elwood Davis, 140, Philadelphia, in six. In fours, Tony Celano, 141, Baltimore, outpointed Billy Warren, 146, Brooklyn; Joey Tufaro, 140½, won from a fellow-Brooklynite, Jerry Almas, 137½, and Gale Kerwin, 134½, Valley Stream, accounted for the night's only kayo by stopping Vic Campos, 131, Brooklyn, at 1:18 of the first.

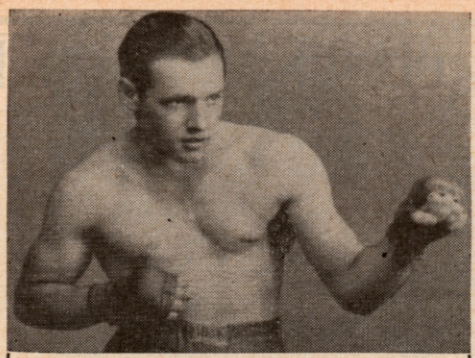
POST SCRIPTS. . . . Reports have it that the Eastern Parkway's Monday night cards will shift in mid-May from their present limited Dumont-TV setup to the wider coverage of the coast-to-coast ABC-TV chain.

That old sun-dodger, Francis Albertanti, is doing a colorful series of memoirs for the Newark Star-Ledger's sports pages.

Johnny (John L.) Sullivan, exciting young Britisher, whose American campaign a year and a half ago was abruptly halted by the managerial "war" then going on, has been doing all right for himself since returning home. By stopping Gordon Hazell in sensational fashion with only a half-round remaining of their recent 12-round "eliminator" in Manchester, 21-year-old Sullivan qualified as Randy Turpin's No. 1 British middleweight rival.

Note to Eddie Cerda, Vera Cruz, Mexico: Muchos gracias por su tarjeta. Yo le escribira, pero no tengo su direccion.

With the principals establishing headquarters only 14 miles apart in the popular Catskill resort area, our noble free-loading Fourth Estaters—with their friends and relatives—should have themselves a rare old time covering the training activities of Rocky Marciano (at Grossinger's) and Ezzard Charles (at Kutscher's).



WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?
NICKIE GERARD

Born Nicholas Giannuzzi, in Long Island City, N. Y., on Aug. 16, 1915, he left in his second year of high school to work as a butcher. Boxing came to Nickie naturally—as he was an all-around athlete in school. A gentle youth, he began boxing as an amateur in 1934, winning 25 out of 30 bouts.

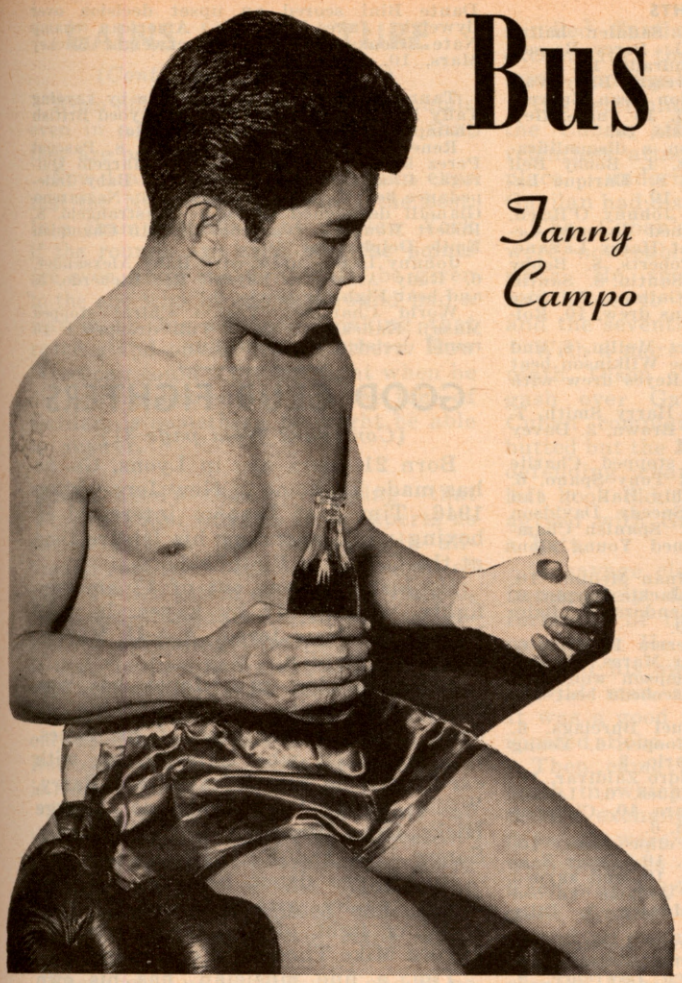
Gerard started his pro career under the guidance of the late Hymie Caplin. On March 5, 1941, he was inducted in the Army. Shortly after, he was assigned to the Second Armored Division, serving under the fabulous General Patton at Fort Banning, Ga. During his 7-month stay at that base, Giannuzzi—who'd changed his name to Gerard—staged boxing shows for servicemen. Soon General Patton appointed him boxing instructor of his regiment. Nickie's team won the post championship.

Transferred to Texas in 1942, Gerard was again made boxing instructor, and at Fort Bliss arranged more fistic entertainment for the boys. Later, he ran boxing shows in Exeter, England. Nickie was in the Invasion of France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. As a sergeant, he lead his platoon through many bloody battles. Gerard was one of the first American soldiers to fight his way into Paris. That year, on Dec. 16, he received a Bronze Star for heroic action during the Battle of the Bulge.

A year later, while on reconnaissance duty in Germany, Nickie was seriously wounded by shrapnel and hospitalized for six months. When the war ended Gerard was shipped back to the States. He convalesced at the Valley Forge General Hospital for one year with a broken leg and arm, chest wound, finger of right hand shot off, and other minor injuries.

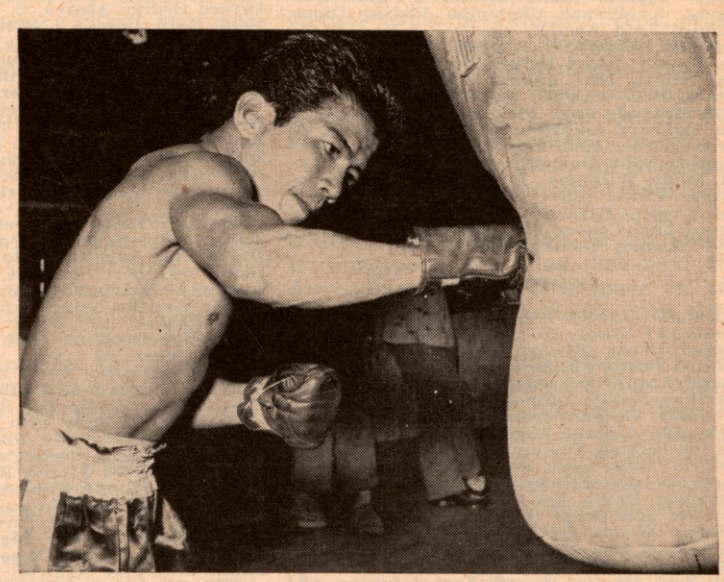
Well enough recovered in 1946, Nickie entered the cigarette vending machine business and also managed several boxers. Two years later he sold out, got married and bought a restaurant and bar in Astoria, L. I., which he operates today. A busy man, Nickie still finds time to look after his stable of fighters.

Bus Fare Started Career



Tanny Campo

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG



Here we see the flyweight champ of the Orient working out on the heavy bag to develop a solid punch.

MANILA, P. I.—The unexpected need for a 50-cent bus fare launched Tanny Campo on a spectacular career which has gained him an enviable place among the greats of the ring in the Orient.

In the four years he has been fighting as a pro, Tanny not only become flyweight and bantamweight champion of the Philippines, but also flyweight champ of the Orient. And today he is rated No. 1 in the world flyweight class by "The Ring".

The need for the bus fare came about this way. Back in his native Cebu seven years ago, Tanny went to a town fiesta. All he had to his name was one peso, which was the cost of the round-trip bus fare between the fiesta and his home. However, when he got to the fiesta he spent his remaining 50 centavos and thus found himself without means to return home. So, when a boxer failed to show up for a fiesta exhibition, Tanny, faced with the prospect of walking home, volunteered. It was the first time in his life he had ever put the gloves on.

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"I was scared stiff," Tanny told the RING MAGAZINE correspondent as he and his manager, Phil Menard, were having Coca Cola in the restaurant at the Far Eastern University, following a workout in the university gym. "But after mixing it up a little bit, I lost my fright. It was a four round draw, and I got three pesos. That's when I decided to become a boxer."

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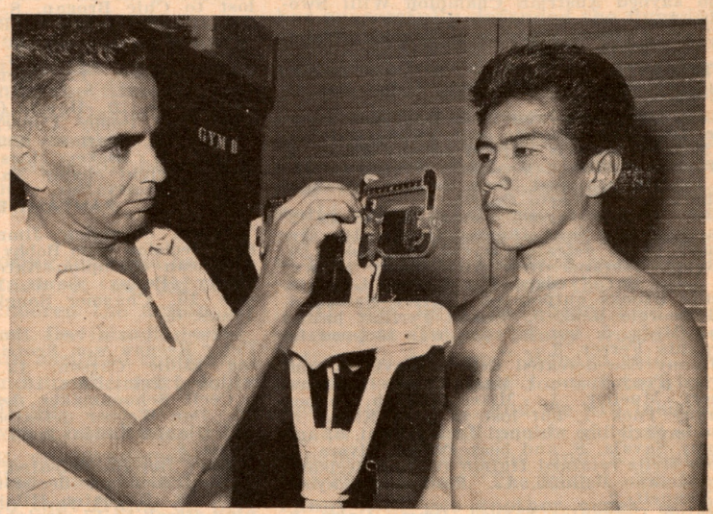
Tanny was born in Cebu City, on May 7, 1929. He fought a few bouts in the provinces and then decided to come to Manila in 1949 to join a fellow Cebuano, Joe Jomas-as, who was fighting here under Menard's tutelage. In October of that year, Joe was scheduled to fight Abraham Floralde but was unable to fill the engagement because of illness. He recommended that Tanny substitute for him. Menard followed the suggestion. Tanny won a convincing



Although he's boss of the Orient's feathers he's also a top hand among the bantams. Phil Menard his manager is seen here checking his weight before a title bout.

decision, and Menard found himself with a boy who was due to go places.

And Tanny didn't disappoint his tutor. He really has come a long way since then. In 56 fights, he has scored 47 victories and three draws. He lost only eight, but he has never been knocked out or off his feet.

Less than a year after coming to Manila, Tanny won the flyweight title of the Philippines, knocking out Tim Ramos in the fifth round. That was in July, 1950. In October of that year, Tanny tried to annex the national bantamweight title, too, but the defending champ, Larry Bataan, was too much for him. Tanny lost a 10-round decision, his first defeat as a pro.

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RING RATINGS EMBRACE THE WORLD

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Big Dynamite bested Leslie Harris, 6. Johnny Cooke beat Emmy Tucci, 8. Emil Evans beat Danny Davis, 6. Frankie Cockrell drew with Johnny Novala, 6.

Duke Harris kayoed Bob Finnerty, 5. Felix Montenegro defeated Frankie Freese, 6. Joe DiPierro beat Pat Cody, 6. Billy Sudduth kayoed Kenny Neal, 3 and Elmer Carson, 3. Bobby Brown beat Georgie James, 5.

Perrin Vega beat Al Juergens, 10. Charlie Courtney beat Johnny Freshwater, 6. Roger Facquer stopped Edgard Delannoit, 8. Ralph Gomez kayoed Coffee Boy Jones, 4. Rene Weissman drew with Rene Lacaze, 10. Dixon Hoxey kayoed Robin Reese, 2, and Don Rogers, 3. French Champion Idrissa Dione whipped Jean Ruellet, 10.

Buddy Holderfield stopped Chato Hernandez, 5. Joe Miceli kayoed Steve Marcello, 6. Don Braun beat Johnny Cunningham, 12. Johnny Fish whipped Johnny Carrington, 8. Terry Ratcliffe drew with Jackie Braddock, 8. Tim McLeary confirmed previous victories by again beating Ken Regan, 8. Tommy Burns stopped Frank Donnelly, 6. Doug Kirby kayoed Eddie Williams, 7. Carmen Bartolomeo kayoed Chico Corsey, 4. Emmett Gurney beat Cootie Parker, 10. Marshall Clayton kayoed Carl Coates, 12. Sauveur Chiocca defeated Tommy Bazzano, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Orlando Zulueta won a close decision over Dennis Pat Brady, 10. Johnny Gonsalves outpointed Jimmy McCoy, 10.

Ralph Dupas whipped Santiago Esteban, 10. George Araujo kayoed Jacques Julien, 3.

Arthur Persley outpointed Armand Savoie, 10. Baby Vazquez upset featherweight Baby Ortiz, 10. Masahi Akiyama won the Orient title by beating Tommy Lerma, 12.

Mario Trigo beat Doug Kirby, 10. Jesse Flores decisioned Bolo Montes, 10. European Champion Duilio Loi whipped Franco Antonini, 10, and Beppi DiJoanni, 10.

Bobby Woods defeated Georgie Dunn, 12, and kayoed Ken McPhee, 8. Frederico Plummer defeated Charley Riley, 10. Brian Kelly beat Earl Dennis, 8, and Young Junior, 10. Buddy Evatt stopped Juan Luis Campos, 3.

Ernesto Formenti drew with Gaetano De Lucia, 8. Bobby Bickle beat Jesse Underwood, 10, and kayoed Don Smith, 4. Giancarlo Garbello kayoed Austrian Champion Willi Swoboda, 4.

Cisco Andrade decisioned Hoacine Khalfi, 10, and Percy Bassett, 10. Auguste Caulet outpointed Louis Carrara, 12. Isaac Logart stopped Honey Boy Williams, 4, but lost to Joe Brown, 10.

Lahouari Godih won from Benjamin Dambele, 10. Felix Redondo beat Reggie Martina, 8. Manuel Renteria stopped Johnny Efhan, 4.

Tommy Romulo kayoed Star Naven, 4. Daniel Bertron whipped Tony Say, 8. Graham Holmes beat Filberto Osario, 8.

Pat Mallane kayoed Johnny Lemmons, 2. Tenejeros Boy beat Dommy Roxas, 10. Armando Lopez defeated David Seabrooke, 10.

Boland Abrams drew with Henry Brown, 8. John Barns edged out Kenny Lane, 8. Paulie Brooks outpointed Charley Smith, 6, and Georgie Reid, 5. Simon Perillat halted Juan Mora, 5, but in turn was stopped by Seraphin Ferrer, 3.

Jimmy Soo defeated Reuben Davis, 8, and kayoed Tony Spano, 1. Mario Ciccarelli blitzed Albert Mueller, 1. Mike Garlash kayoed Johnny Tuck, 1, but lost to Stan Kursa, 5. Ronnie Stribling whipped Dick Powell, 6, and Jimmy Savala, 8, and beat Franki Rivera, 4. Paolo Melis retained Italian title by decisioning Stefano Bellotti, 12. Paul Shea kayoed Al Pennell, 2.

Ralph Cervantes kayoed Jimmy Grow, 8, and Fernando Rivera, 6. George LaMelza kayoed Leonard Moore, 1. Paul Jorgenson beat Tony Garcia, 10. Charlie Copp drew with Augie Villareal, 6. Ray Soupey stopped Elis Ask, 8.

Art Ramponi kayoed Billy Beals, 3. Carlo Leone beat Rocky Sullivan, 6. Sammy Fortuno kayoed Tony Kotsos, 3. Danish Champion Jorgen Johansen squared previous defeat by beating Louis Carrara, 10. Pat Kelly outfought Truman Jarrett, 6, but was stopped by Larry Boardman, 6.

Eddie Johnson halted Nicki Gadson, 4. George LaMalza beat Bernie Bibbs, 6. George Collins beat Johnny Carr, 6. Chato Hernandez stopped George Easterling, 9.

Johnny DiGilio stopped Felix Redondo, 6. Russ Tague beat Wilbur Robinson, 6. Scottish Champion Don McTaggart stopped Jackie Colpitts, 8. South African Champion Johnny van Rensberg whipped Tony Lombard, 10. Walter Brown kayoed Tommy Roberts, 5. Paolo Rossi stopped Eddio Compo, 6. Art Ramponi kayoed Frankie Carter, 5. George Monroe stopped Jessse Keeler, 5. Bobby Bickle kayoed Al Moore, 9. Paul Jorgenson outfought Mike Tourcotte, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World champion Sandy Saddler halted Augie Salazar, 7, (non-title). Percy Bassett lost to lightweight Cisco Andrade, 10.

Baby Ortiz lost to lightweight Baby Vazquez, 10. European Champion Jean Sneyers edged out Jacques Dumesnil, 10 (non-title). Eddie Burgin upset Bill Bossio, 10.

Humberto Carrillo won on a disqualification from Martin Rodriquez, 4. Bobby Bell defeated Charley McGarrity, 8. Enrique Lamelas drew with Trini Ruiz, 10.

Harold Gomes outpointed Johnny O'Brien, 12. Mohamed Omari trimmed Jacques Legendre, 10. Jacky Blair beat Harry LaSane, 10, and kayoed Guillermo Roberts, 8. Bobby Ros held to draw by Jacinto Santin, 8. Santin was then stopped by Jose Galiana, 5. Jose Louis Cotero and Dave Rollins drew, 10. Rollins beat Reuben Smith, 10.

Bobby Courchesne beat Art Mullin, 8, and kayoed George Abarca, 3. Joe Wilkinson beat Baby Beau Jack, 8. Nestor Reyes drew with Alfredo Barretto, 10.

Saniago Martinez stopped Harry Smith, 7. Jimmy Cooper kayoed Willie Brown, 3. Davey Moore kayoed Leo Carter, 2.

Francisco Colon Garcia stopped Charlie DeBow, 7. Dick Powell beat Tony Spano, 6. Len Walters outpointed Teddy Hall, 6, and kayoed Tony Alvarez, 5. Speedy Davidson outpointed Celso Hidalgo, 6. Spanish Champion Jose Hernandez trimmed Young Gonzales, 8.

Inocente Ruiz won over Juan Medina, 10. Tommy Higgins polished off Jackie Turpin, 6. Pedro Pina kayoed Zurdo Mendoza, 5. Baby Gomy beat Bert Gonzales, 10.

Joey Gambino beat Guillermo Roberts, 6. Tomas Castillo beat Salvador Mares, 10, and Kid Anahuac, 10. Gerry Simpson won over Yvon Blanchard, 6. Julio Escobedo beat Arturo Vazquez, 10.

Leroy Richards beat Miguel Burciaga, 6. Sonny Atzinger beat Eddie Cooper, 6. Young Pastrera beat Celso Del Rosario, 8.

Baby Azteca drew with Isidro Zaldivar, 10. Al Lopez beat Augie Rodriquez, 6. Lucien Meraint whipped Pierre Carrara, 10. Clarence Wooten defeated Tommy Bain, 6.

Transito Ramirez beat Felipe Sosa, 10. Sosa also lost to Baby Luna, 10. Cesar Saavedra drew with Moi Torres, 10, and kayoed Tacho Martinez, 6. Angel Aldama kayoed Baby Cruz, 4, and Pepe Montes, 6. Billy Evans beat Pete Aguirre, 10.

Joiey Cam outpointed Harry LaSane, 10. Andre Younsi decisioned Jacques Bataille, 10. Teddy Peckham stopped Ken Lawrence, 9. Eddie Crawford beat Pat Marcune, 10. Davey Moore kayoed Jack Ingram, 1. Gene Caffrey lost to Chic Brogan, 8. Mickel Roche outfought Percy James, 8. Rayo Coleman kayoed Ken Wenman, 9, but in turn was halted by Norm Jones, 11. Barry Hatcher won from Herb Pitman, 12. Henry Luera defeated Bobby Henry, 8. Ciro Morasen outpointed Bill Bossio, 10. Harold Gomes stopped Black Pico, 10. Bobby Courchesne beat Charley Titone, 10. Carmelo Costa outpointed Earl Hilton, 8. Mickey Mars defeated American bantamweight champ Nate Brooks, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Jimmy Carruthers won close decision from Bobby Sinn, 12 (non-title). American champion Nate Brooks outpointed Henry (Pappy) Gault, 10, and Teddy Roberts, 10. Charmer Songkitrat kayoed Kevin James, 6.

Jesse Mongia beat Emilio de la Rosa, 10. Peter Keenan won Scottish title by outpointing Eddie Carson, 12. Orlando Castillo whipped Trini Ruiz, 10.

Cecil Schoonmaker defeated Casey Jones, 10. Don Webber defeated Fernando Gagnon, 10. Gianni Zuddas held to draw by Roberto Spina, 8.

Lino Botello defeated Memo Sanchez, 10. Emile Chemama decisioned Gaetano Annaloro, 10. Unbeaten Hilaire Pratesi ran winning streak to 17 straight by whipping Dante Bini, 10.

Jorge Valverde kayoed Tommy Vasquez, 2. Jose Lopez beat Raul Solis, 10. Star Mortoc drew with Vic Romero, 6.

Lucio Gonzalez beat Felix Gaytan, 10. Young Eddie kayoed Baby Navan, 4, and beat Al Espina, 6. Manuel Ridriquez kayoed Baby Alvarez, 5.

Ric Sanchez kayoed Agno Boy, 6. Terry Blacker beat Young Rosal, 8.

Manolo Ramirez won on a disqualification over Sapito Jiminez, 1. Gil Geekie beat Steve Horvath, 6. Belgian Champion Pierre Cossemyns retained title by whipping Jean Kidy, 12. Villeza Villa kayoed Joe Balbuena, 3.

Mario de Leon beat Martin Morales, 10. Little Ibanez kayoed Joe Mendez, 3. Joe Boland defeated Celso Hidalgo, 6, and Alex Santoy, 10. Kim Navarro decisioned Juan Cardenas, 10. Gaby Paliotti kayoed Jerry Berthiaume, 1. Jacques Colomb scored upset decision over Emile Chemama, 10. Gianni Zuddas stopped Giuseppe D'Augusta, 3. Andre Valignat was too good for Roberto Spina, 8. Tino Cardinale drew with Kid Andre, 10.

Serge Gazard whipped Tino Cardinale, 10. Pierre Cossemyns, kayoed John Kelly, 9. Dante Bini scored an upset decision over flyweight Jake Tuli, 10. American champ Nate Brooks lost to featherweight Mickey Mars, 10.

FLYWEIGHT

Tanny Campo won Orient title by kayoing Taffy Hancock, 11. Dai Dower kayoed British Champion Terry Allen, 2 (non-title).

Rene Cruz kayoed Midget Louis, 8. Pascual Perez kayoed Nestor Rossi, 4, Marcelo Quiroga, 4, and Domingo Luna, 2. Baby Indepedance beat Danny Del Campo, 8. Nazzareno Gianelli decisioned Giuseppe Mastrangelo, 8. Robert Mougino won from Belgian Champion Emile Delphanque, 10.

Johnny LaBay drew with Baby Alexsander, 6. Rudy Alcantara kayoed Ric Ricuerdo, 5, and beat Fighting Gorio, 6.

World Champion Yoshio Chirai stopped Masaji Kaneko, 8. Jake Tuli dropped a 10 round decision to Dante Bini.

GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

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Born 21 years ago in Lyons, Ga. he has made his home in New Jersey since 1946. Tim first became interested in boxing while spending his leisure time at the C.Y.O. in Plainfield.

He lost only one out of 17 amateur fights, winning 12 by kayos. In 1952 he was the New Jersey A.A.U. Middleweight champion.

Since turning pro, Jones has won 9 out of 12, losing two, and boxing one draw. He reversed both of his losses. A good boxer, who is improving with each fight, he has defeated Sid Barry, Willie Boyd, Don Zimbardo, George Hicks, Gene Washington, Curtis Bruce, Sonny Day and Pete Nelson.

In his pro debut he won the Dick Mayo trophy awarded for the outstanding fight of the night when he kayoed Mike Thomas in one round.

Tim, a fine musician, has his own group, "The Tim Jones Quartet", who do a lot of free entertaining at churches and hospitals. Jones, who works at the Lyons Veteran's Hospital as a medical assistant, is very popular with the vets who closely follow his fights.

Married and the father of a seven month old daughter, Tim is a hard gym worker, who under the able guidance of trainer Dan Gary, and managers Artie Silverlight and "Sad Sam" Rose appears headed for success as a boxer.

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GAINS IN STATURE

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When officials tab five and six rounds even in a title bout, it indicates that they are not sure of themselves.

Now I am more convinced than ever that the New York system is the best. In a championship fight in New York if the rounds are even and the points are even, then the fight must be given to the one who in any one round had a margin on his opponent making that round stand out above all others. How Weissman could score the fight when he did nothing but squint into the face of Gavilan, is something he might be able to answer.

THE Keed's flashy fighting that brought him acclaim from experts as second only to Ray Robinson in all-around ability, became an acme of futility when pitted against the rugged, two-fisted, stern-faced, grim-looking, relentless defending champion. The fact is that Gavilan had mapped out a plan that called mostly for the use of his left and he mixed his attack with rights only as often as he thought it necessary. But to say that he didn't use his right, is ridiculous.

Olson's remark after the fight, "he threw more rights than I had expected," is a statement that bears out my blow-for-blow account of the fight. True some punches were missed and others blocked, but they were right hand punches.

There were no knockdowns and at no time was either fighter in danger of being dropped. But as a championship fight that had an international flavor, it met with whole-hearted satisfaction. The bout was crammed with enough action to satisfy all observers. The only thing lacking was the element of suspense.

Gavilan was not the flashy, fast, bolo punching Cuban we have seen on other occasions, especially when the stakes were high. For this he must blame the added weight, something of his own choosing.

The weight slowed him down and the strategy employed by Olson prevented him from using his best punch, the bolo. He requires an open target for his best attack, and this Olson didn't give him. The Cuban found himself stymied.

Gavilan started off at a pace that made things look grim for Olson. He took the first three rounds by following the format he had outlined to the scribes the day before the fight, that of luring Olson into leading, then springing in to shower him with punches. But Olson's counter rallies soon upset the technique of the challenger and starting the fourth round, Bobo, with sharp punching, took away much of the play of his opponent, piling up points that soon cut down the Cuban's lead and enabled Bobo to head out front.

BOBO took the aggressive in the fifth round in which he moved into range at the clang of the gong and hammered home several short, jolting blows that caused his rival to take cover. By weight and the power of his blows, he handled Gavilan well in the clinches except for three rounds—the ninth, tenth and final sessions.

His determination to fight it out when the Cuban attempted a rally and a relentless attack when infighting took place, undermined the confidence Gavilan had displayed prior to the fight.

The Cuban's defensive maneuvers were noticeably slower following the sixth. He smashed several effective left hooks to the body in that round and the seventh.

With a more stationary target in the ninth, Olson opened a deep, one inch gash over Gavilan's right eye. The Cuban complained that he had been butted but the Hawaiian-born American defending champion asserted that a left hook did the damage. The referee agreed with Gavilan, declaring it was a butt.

A savage close exchange took place immediately following and the performance of the Cuban in that round was tops. He was infuriated by the sight of his own blood and fought like a wild man in the closing minutes. It was a good round for the Keed who rousted Bobo about the ring.

Then came his fine showing in the tenth in which the pair engaged in a terrific exchange. That session and the fifteenth were the best for real action with punches tossed from all angles. Each was jarred at times, but neither gave ground. Head and body blows rained on each without a let up until the gong sent the pair back to their corners. Bobo's head bobbed back twice and he knew that he was in a torrid mill.

That round told the tale. It took much of the starch out of the challenger, who from then until the fifteenth, no longer was the effective Gavilan of the past. He was forced to slow up, thus playing into the hands of his more aggressive, steadier, determined opponent.

GAVILAN was losing now and he and his seconds knew it as did the throng that had cheered the action of the previous session. Gavilan had shot his bolt. Olson again assumed command in the eleventh and in the next four rounds he sewed it up.

The last round was a humdinger with the crowd yelling encouragement at its favorite. Gavilan had rallied unexpectedly and won that frame on my card but it was an exceedingly close one that found the men fighting desperately for the advantage.

The Keed took over and let go at top speed with all he had in an effort to turn the tide. While the crowd roared, the battlers stood toe-to-toe and tossed punches from all angles at body and head. There was no let up during the final thirty seconds.

So ended Gavilan's dream to win the middleweight crown and take his place with Ray Robinson as holder of the welter and middleweight championships at one time. He learned, as has so often been recorded, that good welterweights do not defeat good middleweights who possess stamina, power, courage and the other assets that go with an excellent fighting machine.

Such a fighter is Carl Bobo Olson.

BUS FARE STARTED CAREER

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In December, 1950, Tanny bounced back into the flyweight division and wrested the championship of the Orient from Chai Sit Phol of Siam in a 10-round fight in Manila.

Tanny's first venture into the world picture came in January, 1951, when he met the world flyweight champ, Dado Marino, in a non-title fight in Manila. He fought well, but lost the decision over the 10-round route. Dado had a 10-pound advantage in weight.

Late that same year, in December, Tanny earned his first world reputation. He knocked out Tuffy Hancock, Australian flyweight champ, in six rounds in Singapore and thus dislodged the Australian from fourth place in the international classifications of the NBA and RING MAGAZINE.

In May, 1952, Phil Menard's boy became double champion of the Philippines by winning a 12-round decision over bantam champ, Leo Espinosa, in Davao. Espinosa is the Filipino who recently knocked out Yoshio Shirai, flyweight title holder in an overweight bout in Tokyo.

In the following month, Tanny lost the newly-won title of the Philippines to Flash Elorde by decision, but regained it September 5 in his easy victory over title-holder Rene Cruz. He has successfully defended the flyweight title of his country seven times since winning it from Ramos three years ago.

Last year, both Menard and Tanny felt the time had come to do something about latching on to the world flyweight title. So on May 18, Tanny climbed into the ring in Tokyo to challenge world champ, Yoshio Shirai. The referee and judges awarded the decision to the Japanese, although many at the ringside thought Tanny the winner.

"If this fight had been held anywhere but Tokyo, Tanny would have gotten the decision," Menard said. "We are now negotiating for a return title bout with Shirai, and we are insisting on an impartial panel of judges—a Japanese, a Filipino and a neutral, Nat Fleischer of "The Ring". We hope Tanny will get another crack at the title. And Tanny will beat the champ—just as he did in May!

Menard says that Tanny is now in peak form, better than he was when he kayoed Taffy Hancock recently. He works out daily at the FEU gym when preparing for a fight. He gets lots of sleep, does not smoke or drink. He's very devout, and never goes into the ring without first having lighted three candles in church.

Tanny has only one superstition. When he asks for a towel in the ring he doesn't want it thrown to him. It has to be handed to him. He says it's bad luck if it's thrown.

Well, Tanny needn't worry. It's a pretty good bet Menard won't have to throw the towel in.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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ers is southpaw Herb Mickles, the 1953 International champion, the 1953 National AAU champ, and holder of numerous other amateur titles.

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Martin Iacobelli, former lightweight prospect out of Newark, N. J., who fought as Marty Bell, has been appointed the civilian athletic director at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Recently returned from Bavaria, Germany, where he served as Athletic Consultant at Furstenfeldbruck Air Base, Marty, a graduate of Seton Hall University (1949) with a degree in Physical Education, is well qualified to assume the duties of director at Kilmer.

While at Furstenfeldbruck, he organized an expansive athletic program for 2,500 Air Corps personnel, conducting clinics for officials, aligning schedules, appointing coaches, purchasing equipment and, in general, acting in a capacity similar to that of a Director of Athletics at a large university.

In addition to fulfilling duties usually associated with Kilmer's Athletic Director, Marty will serve as instructor for the post's boxing squad. A veteran of many amateur bouts and eighteen pro fights (Paddy DeMarco among them), Marty hopes to guide his forces through a successful defense of the first Army crown they captured in 1953.

TV & BOXING

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from the Hollywood Legion Stadium seems to remain secure, but how long this will be so is difficult to tell, what with the Saturday Night Fights over the ABC-TV Network reaching California and many of those shows emanating from that state.

Where it will end no one knows. We hope that Jordan is right in stating that the "novelty" has worn off and intimating that people will now return to viewing all forms of entertainment by actual attendance. But we hope that this turnabout will happen quickly for, otherwise, the public might find itself tired of their television sets and having no place to go.

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While television in Japan is making headway they are at the same time finding it a costly and difficult process. At this time there are only about ten thousand registered TV sets in Japan and manufacturers can turn out no more than one thousand a month.

There are two television stations, with two more to begin operating shortly. When the world flyweight championship bout between Yoshio Shirai and Terry Allen was televised last October, radio and TV sets were installed for the public's convenience in stores along the main streets of Tokyo. The areas were congested and swarming with hundreds of thousands of people watching television for the first time. In the words of one Japanese correspondent, "a great sigh was ushered when the fight was over." Hmm, a typical American reaction!

Contrary to reports earlier received in this country, none of Rocky Marciano's exhibitions were televised while he toured Japan, however plans are being made to telecast a number of sporting events in the future.

The losses of the Nihon Television Network (NTV), the sole commercial TV company at the time, comes to somewhere around one million yen daily. There is a charge of 200 yen per month on each registered set. The company stages some 25 programs each day, running the gamut from dancing girls to Sumo wrestling. However, only five or six of these programs have sponsors, with each show lasting about fifteen minutes. NTV has a close tie-up with American capital and technique, which is naturally a great aid.

Japan's traditional Sumo wrestling is the biggest thing on television and a match usually lasts about three hours. It nets the company a handsome half million yen per hour, if it finds a sponsor with a yen for such a thing.

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CHANNEL HOPPING . . . . Radio dead? Not quite, as it seems no one ever let the manufacturers in on that wake. Radio production in 1953 totaled 13,368,556 sets compared with 10,934,872 in 1952 while TV manufacturers produced 7,214,787 sets for the year just past. The radio total for 1953 included 5,182,934 automobile sets and 2,041,210 of the increasingly popular clock radios.

Radio Station WINS (New York) is now airing the Monday night fights from Eastern Parkway Arena, also seen over the DuMont Television Network. . . . Chris Schenkel, popular DuMont ringside commentator at the House of Upsets, recently celebrated his first anniversary in that post and when asked what he would consider an appropriate gift to commemorate his year with DuMont, Chris replied, "A nice, juicy upset on anniversary night." And he almost got it as Dennis Pat Brady fought ranking Orlando Zulueta to a close decision on March 22, with the fans howling their disapproval of the decision for Zulueta. But take cheer, Chris, and consider it an upset when one doesn't occur at the Eastern Parkway Arena.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING around: New Jersey has a new boxing commission, Joe Walker, younger brother of the old champ Mickey. Joe who was a physical instructor during the war also served as a C.Y.O. boxing coach and was a member of the staff of referees. Vic DiFlippio, head of the Seton Hall, U. physical education dept. will be Walker's aide. Let's wish them well, and hope they will do something to improve the poor state of the boxing game in Jersey.

There is talk of George Kobb running a show at the Elizabeth Armory, with Linden's Harold Carter meeting either Jimmy Bivins or one of the other top heavyweights.

Proving his kayo over Danny Nardico in their first meeting was no fluke, Jersey's heavyweight, Charley Norkus, punched out a ten round win over Danny in their return match.

Results of bouts in which Jersey boys fought in out of state rings: Ernie Durando stopped Ted Olla, Vince Martinez kayoed Ronnie Harper, Johnny Long was stopped by Jimmy Soo, Charlie (Doc) Williams defeated Clint Bacon, Johnny DiGilio upset Freddy (Babe) Herman, Danny Rubino lost to Bob Provizzi, Charley McGarrity lost to Bobby Bell, Pete Adams dropped a duke to Allie Fronik, Curtis Bruce lost to Ernie Step, James J. Parker lost to Nino Valdes, Charlie Slaughter was stopped by featherweight champ Sandy Saddler, Al Certisimo suffered his first loss when he was beaten by Benny Hernandez.

Georgie Davis of Long Branch, lost to Alfredo Escobar of Los Angeles, in the finals of the Inter-City Golden Gloves for the bantamweight title. Davis a Sergeant in the Army is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—Laurel Gardens, Newark, N. J.

Lanky Hurley Sanders, 164, Newark, boxed his way to an easy win over Johnny Noel, 163, Brooklyn. Sanders won all eight of the rounds. Tim Jones, 163, Plainfield, outfought Willie Boyd, 158, N.Y.C., in 6; Luth McDermott, 187, Paterson, outscored Henry Anderson, 183, Newark, 4; Nicki Gadson, 138, Elizabeth, defeated Eddie Johnson, 136, Newark, 4, and Jimmy McLaughlin, 137, Newark, beat Pedro Figueroa, 125, Brooklyn, 4.

Hard punching Jimmy Champagne, 148, Philadelphia, Pa., halted Willie (Kid) Johnson, 146½, Orange, in 55 seconds of the seventh. After a rough first round Willie rallied and was holding his own till Jimmy opened up in the 7th and twice floored him. Joe Wilkinson, 124, Washington, D. C., stopped Mack Little, 130, Philadelphia, due to a cut eye in 1:42 of 4. Jerry Leudee, 155, Kearny, made his pro-debut by kayoing Freddy Fernandez, 159, Trenton, in 3; Al Nunez, 140, Bayonne, whipped Norman Salt, 136, Clark Township 4, and Bentio Lopez, 141, Brooklyn defeated Mike Hernandez, 143, New York City 4.

Jerome Richardson, 160, New York City, unleashed a steady stream of punches to score five knockdowns and halt Jackie Wilson, 161, Quincy, Mass., southpaw in 2:17 of the first round. Wilson had recently lost a split decision in ten to Moses Ward. Gene Washington, 160, Elizabeth, was too shifty for Sid Barry, 159, Paterson, 6; Jim Thompkins, 135, Newark, edged out Guy Roma, 136, Newark, in 4; Nate Donnell, 144, New York, halted George Belloni, 147, Cliffwood, in 3, and Stan Micheaux, 157, Rahway kayoed Dan Griffin, 151, Perth Amboy, in the first.

Joe Wilkinson, 124, Washington, D. C., won a decision over Baby Beau Jack, 124, New York City, in the main bout of eight rounds. Stan Micheaux, 152, Rahway, got even with Larry Crawley, 147, Westfield, as he halted Larry in 58 seconds of the 6th. Bruce Damphier, 160, Lyndhurst, outfought Willie Mills, 162, Brooklyn, 4; Don McAteer, 161, Paterson, kayoed Pete Foti, 157, Brooklyn, 1, and Horace Wiggins, 144, Orange, stopped Richard Gradillas, 143, Kearny, 4.

Felix Redondo, 136, Bayonne, punched his way to an easy eight round win over Reggie Martina, 141, Charlestown, W. Va. Martina, who has not won a fight since 1949, was dropped in the first and third rounds. Eddie Johnson, 139, Newark, looked good in halting Nicki Gadson, 135, Elizabeth, in the fourth. Josh Thomas, 145, Trenton, battled to a draw with Frankie Van, 147, Bayonne, 4; Bob Monroe, 243, Bayonne former Golden Glove king, came off the floor in the first to outpoint Henry Anderson, 187, Newark, 4, and Jerry Leudee, 160, Kearny, kayoed Eddie Jones, 160, Brooklyn, 2.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH: Jerry Leudee, hard punching middleweight from Kearny. Jerry boasts two kayo wins in two starts as a pro.

MIDDLEWEST NEWS

By Harold Walsh

HARRY KROHN, a great Akron middleweight of thirty years back was honored at the last Bob Heath boxing show in the Akron Armory. Krohn, who fought the best in the land in his day has since his retirement devoted his time to training and developing amateur boxers. Krohn received many gifts.

Bob Heath has revived the boxing game in Akron and in his last three shows has drawn 9000 fans and combined gate receipts of $27,000.

Suey Welch, former Ohio boxing promoter and manager and a long time resident of Los Angeles is back in the boxing game as manager of big Charley Powell, the 'Frisco '49 football end. Suey has had Powell out three times and he has come back the winner each time. Gorilla Jones, Welch's former NBA middleweight champion is Powell's trainer.

Needlin' Him. Dr. Vincent Nardiello (left) teaches Champ Rocky Marciano and Challenger Ezzard Charles (right) a few things about jabs before both went into serious training, Charles at Monticello, N. Y., and Rocky at Grossinger's.

Improved Charles to Face Rocky

BOXING'S biggest thrill provider, a world heavyweight championship fight, is the match on which the eyes of the world are now focused. Though the Marciano-Charles contest is scheduled for the Yankee Stadium on June 17, both have been active in training for many weeks. Charles realizes that the contest will make or break him. It's an opportunity of a lifetime. If he can succeed in winning, he will have set a record, since no former heavyweight king has ever accomplished the feat of regaining his lost laurels.

Unlike previous years, when the rival heavyweights set up their camps many miles away from each other, this year, to attract greater coverage from the scribes, Charles has signed to do his training at Kutchers' Country Club in Monticello, N. Y., only eighteen miles away from Grossinger's, where Rocky is doing his workouts. With reservations pouring in from many parts of the world for press seats, the interest in the coming battle seems to be far more intense than it was when Marciano defended his crown against Roland LaStarza. That fight at the Polo Grounds drew a gate of $435,820 which figures, based on the report of Jim Norris, should be exceeded by at least $100,000 when Charles and Rocky clash.

Confidence exuberates in Charles' camp. He, in particular, seems confident that he will regain the title. He points to his last two contests to prove that Rocky will face a different Charles from the one who lost the world championship to Jersey Joe Walcott by a knockout in seven rounds in Pittsburgh and was again on the losing end in a return fight in Philadelphia in 15 rounds, a contest which the majority figured Ezzard had really won though the chips were against him.

From a listless heavyweight who had to be prodded into real action in past fights, Charles has acquired the killer instinct to some degree, if we are to go by his fights against Coley Wallace whom he shellacked and stopped in ten

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

ALMOST bewildered young man these days is 22-year-old Tommy Jackson, who jus' plumb can't understand all the fuss being made over him just because he won a few fights. Hounded by newspaper and magazine writers and photographers, invited to luncheons and dinners, and appearing in a dizzy round of television and radio studios, are all too confusing to this simple, unschooled Georgia-born kid.

Jackson doesn't seem to realize the full import of his sudden, spectacular splurge into the dazzling glare of the fistic spotlight—how, within a brief span of two months, this obscure preliminary performer came storming out of nowhere to run off successive, and startling, victories over Rex Layne, Clarence Henry and Dan Bucceroni.

"Hurricane," they've tabbed Tommy, and that's about as near as any word in the dictionary comes to describing him. With all the relentless fury of a tropical storm, Jackson overwhelms his opponents and blows 'em into destruction.

Tommy is no fancy boxer. He is no blasting puncher. It would be difficult to credit him with any definite "style." He's crude and awkward in his technique, but with his speed, aggressiveness and helter-skelter tactics, why should he bother with finesse? In this rugged trade, they pay off on results, and results are what Jackson's been getting.

For three minutes of every round, Jackson swarms all over his opponent. The only time he moves backward is when he's punched back—and he promptly starts forward again, fists flying from all directions, jabbing, pushing, slashing, hooking, slapping, clawing. He's even produced a "double uppercut," both hands operating simultaneously. He's about as unorthodox as anything we've ever seen. One of Ray Robinson's former trainers, Harry Wiley, just about described him when, during the Bucceroni debacle, he muttered: "The kid don't know what he's doin', but he sure does it perfect."

Superb physical condition is the main factor in Jackson's success. If ever there has been a "self-made" fighter, it is Tommy. No manager or trainer has taught him anything. He's one guy who really "loves" fighting. Even as a preliminary kid, he was doing five to ten miles of roadwork every morning along the Rockaway Beach boardwalk and coming in to New York for gym duty at Stillman's in the afternoon. He'd box with anybody and everybody, the more the merrier. What he has learned was picked up in those gym workouts.

The youngest of eight children—four boys and four girls—Tommy lives with his widowed mother in Rockaway Beach. His mother still is "boss", and is on deck to collect his purse after every bout.

Standing 6 feet, 2 inches, and bouncing the scales at 192 pounds, Jackson had only fifteen pro bouts before being promoted to his first main event, against Layne. Non-winning performances were a draw with Shirley Pembleton and a decision loss to Bert Whitehurst. His better known victims were Joe Lindsay, Bob Golden and Archie McBride.

JOEY GIARDELLO'S sensational knockout of Willie Troy in Madison Square Garden has cinched a middleweight title shot for the Brooklyn-born Philadelphian. Giardello has been tentatively paired with Carl (Bobo) Olson for a September date in one of the New York baseball parks. Joey's newly-discovered punch and colorful slugging tactics have made him a hot attraction hereabouts and a "natural" opponent for Olson in a championship outing.

The Giardello-Troy affair was as wild a sockfest as anything seen hereabouts in many a month. It is seldom that two established headliners turn loose that sort of Donnybrook. Usually, when a pair of dangerous clouters get together, a disappointing bout is the result. The rivals generally have too much respect for each other's bombs, and are cautious about taking chances.

Giardello and Troy, however, ripped into each other from the start with all the enthusiasm of excited amateurs. It was the sort of fight that could have but one ending—somebody had to be knocked out.

Giardello nearly accomplished the Fall of Troy in a furious opening round. Twice Joey slugged the lanky Washingtonian to the canvas, the bell clanging as Willie tottered unsteadily to his feet after the second trip down.

The gong again, was good news to Troy in the second. Battered once more to the deck, he was trying desperately to rise when the round ended at the count of six.

Recovering from the savage punishment of those first two riotous sessions, Troy got back into the fight in the third and there were moments in the next few rounds when it looked as though Willie might outlast Giardello. His best effort was in the fifth, when he forced Joey back on the defensive and outfought him in several savage exchanges.

Troy, however, was unable to maintain the gruelling pace. He began to weaken in the sixth, and was on the receiving end of a murderous shellacking. He stood up gamely under the bombardment, and tried to fight back, but was near exhaustion as he stumbled to his corner at the bell.

It didn't take Giardello long to finish matters in the seventh. Stepping out fast, Joey blasted Troy with six left hooks and two rights, and Willie, glassy-eyed and reeling was on the verge of collapsing when Referee Al Berl humanely intervened. The round had gone only 39 seconds.

WITH a change in the state's political administration, Abe J. Greene finds himself out again as New Jersey athletic commissioner. This is the second time since he first took over in 1937 that Paterson Abe has been shuffled from the job in favor of an Elizabethan. First it was John Hall, who held forth five years from 1942 to 1947. Now it's Joe Walker, Mickey's younger brother.

Walker has inherited a large load of headaches with the fistic situation in the Garden State. Once one of the nation's liveliest ring centers, with a dozen or more clubs operating regularly in Newark, Jersey City, Bayonne, Elizabeth, Trenton, Camden, Atlantic City and lesser communities, New Jersey is in tough shape these days. Newark, with an indoor arena in Laurel Garden and an outdoor spot at Meadowbrook Bowl, is the only city functioning on a steady basis, but business has dropped to a frightful low there, and the promoters are barely eking out expenses with their modest weekly cards. The only thing that keeps them going is the $1,000 revenue from local TV. The gate receipts seldom go above $200, and usually they're much less.

The only other club running in the state is the Trenton Arena, which promotes on a now-and-then schedule, as and when an attractive "spot" show comes along, and that isn't often.

With its revenue depending on 10 percent of gate receipts and 5 percent of television payoffs, boxing must be a losing proposition, financially, to the Jersey state treasury. Although their jobs are listed as part-time affairs, Walker

is drawing a $5,200 annual stipend and assistant commissioner Vic DiFilippo (athletic instructor at Seton Hall University) is getting $3,600. With several other salaried posts on the board, and the maintenance of offices in Newark and Trenton, the yearly outlay must hit close to $25,000, and even with wrestling returns added to boxing's, it is doubtful if the revenue comes anywhere near matching the expenses.

Just what Walker will be able to do to improve conditions remains to be seen. While his main qualification is his kinship to Mickey Walker, Joe has had some experience of his own in prize-ring matters. He was a referee in Jersey for several years, and has served as athletic instructor and boxing coach of various youth organizations.

IT was a shock to local veterans of the trade to hear of Harry Gordon's tragic ending in Los Angeles. Despondency over ill health and financial troubles was given as the reason for his suicide. Harry was about 53 when he died.

Before shifting his base of operations to Los Angeles several years ago, Gordon had been a prominent figure in the New York sock market for the better part of a quarter-century, first as a boxer, then as a trainer.

A native of Philadelphia, Harry came to New York in 1921, shortly after his discharge from the Navy. As a kid in his 'teens, he had enlisted toward the close of World War I, and started his ring career in the service. Harry had done so well in sailor competition—he won the all-Navy bantam title in 1920—that when he returned to civilian circulation he decided to try his luck in the pro ranks. Ex-fighter Joe Wagner, who also was handling Little Jack Sharkey, took hold of Gordon and the youngster became a busy campaigner in the then lively bantam division.

Gordon never scaled the titular heights as a pro, but he was a tough kid with a good punch, and no bargain for any of the ranking 118-pounders. His outstanding achievement was an upset decision over Carl Tremaine in the semi-final to the Pancho Villa-Jimmy Wilde world flyweight title affair at the Polo Grounds in 1923.

Harry's career was abruptly halted in 1925 when he suffered serious eye injuries in a bout with bantam champion Charley Phil Rosenberg in Covington, Ky. Eventually, those injuries resulted in the loss of one eye.

His fighting days over, Gordon went in for training, and became one of the best. Two of his clients were a pair of featherweight champions, Freddie Miller (with whom he made several jaunts to Europe and South Africa) and Chalky Wright.

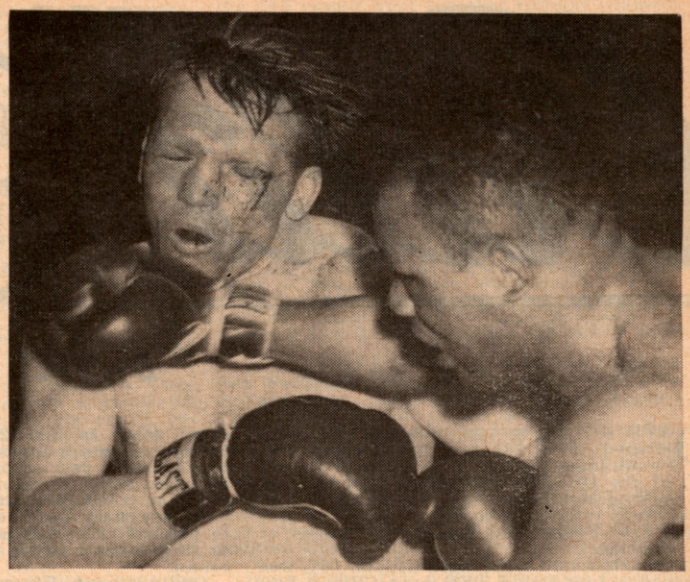
Although over 40, and having the use of only one eye, Gordon did about a year's hitch in the Army during World War II. He was assigned to Special Services, where his knowledge of boxing and physical conditioning was put to good use. Discharged on the Pacific Coast, he settled in Los Angeles, and did well for a while, but he was badly injured in an automobile accident, and never fully recovered. A tough hospital siege and heavy doctors' bills wiped out his savings, and a discouraging outlook in a fading boxing market contributed to the despondency which finally prompted him to end it all.

HARDLY had the news of Gordon's passing reached New York when a dispatch out of Spokane, Wash., reported the fatal collapse of another once colorful tradesman—Tiger Jack Fox.

It was no surprise to hear Tiger Jack had taken the final count. His health had been failing steadily since a stroke three years before paralyzed his left side and robbed him of his speech. Fox was 47 when he died.

The Tiger's story was a familiar one of a popular athlete who lived not too wisely but too well. He earned plenty of money, spent it freely, and didn't know enough to call it quits when time ran out on him. Fox fought far beyond his allotted span—he was 44 when he made his last ring appearance—and wound up a pitiful figure helped by friends who had known him well in his better days.

Fox was originally out of Indianapolis and started his ring career there as an amateur in 1925. Later he moved up to the so-called "semi-pros" and in 1932 became a full-fledged professional. In nearly two decades of busy campaigning, the Tiger packed in about 200 fights, spreading his activities from one end of the nation to another, and adding jaunts to the West Indies and Alaska to his itinerary. A light-heavy, he frequently went out of his class to tangle with heavyweights, and he won far more often than he lost. A lusty puncher, he ended about half his fights by knockouts.



Ralph Jones bounces a right off young Billy McNeece's chin in free-swinging brawl at Eastern Parkway. Jones was too clever and ringwise for youthful rival, but McNeece, fighting his first main event, gave a surprisingly good account of himself against his top-rated middleweight rival.

One of his outstanding performances was an eight-round job on Jersey Joe Walcott at Rockland Palace (formerly Manhattan Casino) here in New York.

Fox had a crack at the then disputed light-heavyweight title in 1939, but muffed his chance. Matched with Melio Bettina in Madison Square Garden, the Tiger was generally favored to win. A few weeks before the bout, however, he was badly slashed by a knife-wielding gal friend, and spent several days in a Harlem hospital. He refused to request a postponement of the fight and insisted on going through with it. Adding to his problems, publicity from the Bettina camp stressed Manager Jimmy Grippo's remarkable "hypnotic powers" and how he intended to use them on Fox. A superstitious sort, Tiger Jack wasn't helped any by this propaganda. It was an uncertain, not too confident Fox that squared off with Bettina. He fought gamely enough, but lacked his usual whoop-de-do, and Bettina punched him into defeat in nine rounds.

SHORT JOLTS . . . Appearing in nationally-televised fights out of Washington must represent Capital Punishment to Percy Bassett. Headlining two major video shows there, the Philadelphian has run into unexpected lickings both times—and by California Mexicans, Dave Gallardo and Cisco Andrade. . . . Bassett hasn't had much luck with his TV appearances. As we recall, his only winning performance had a tragic ending. That was the affair with Sonny Boy West at the St. Nicholas Arene here. Since then, Percy has been outpointed by Jimmy Carter at the St. Nick, decisioned by Teddy (Red Top) Davis and Arthur Persley at Eastern Parkway, and beaten in his two Washington outings. Not exactly an inspiring record for a fighter rated No. 1 challenger for the world featherweight title. Where TV dates are concerned, Percy seems to be just an unfortunate little Bassett.

In our remarks last month concerning the Jimmy Carruthers-Chamrern Songkitrat bantam title bout in Bangkok, we were considerably on the conservative side when we said Carruthers was being guaranteed "at least $25,000." It develops that the Australian actually is getting $40,000, with another $5,000 to cover the expenses of his entourage. With admission prices scaled from $24 down to $1.50, an attendance of 40,000 and gate receipts of $200,000 are being enthusiastically predicted.

While ambling off into alien climes, we'd like to send congratulations along to former South African middleweight Duggie Miller for the fine start he has made as matchmaker and referee for a newly-organized fight club in the copper fields of Northern Rhodesia. The opening show was a bang-up success, and it looks as though the likeable Miller and his colleagues will be turning copper territory into a gold mine for themselves.

Joe Goldberg, 65 when he died recently in the old home town of Rochester, was about as rugged a 130-pounder as the ring knew in the pre-World War I era. Joe was good enough to step along with the likes of Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard and Rocky Kansas. A stiff puncher, one of his best wins was a knockout of his Syracuse rival, Kid Julian. In recent years, Goldberg had been operating a popular billiar academy—okay, pool room if you prefer—in Rochester.

THE month's results:

Outclassing his rugged, more experienced opponent all the way, North American bantam champion Nate Brooks, 118½, Cleveland, was an easy winner over former title-holder Henry (Pappy) Gault, 121, Spartanbury, S. C., in a dull, uneventful ten at Eastern Parkway. The rangy Brooks had too much height, reach, speed and skill for Gault. Unable to compete with Nate in boxing, Pappy tried to outrough the frail Clevelander, and the bout was marred by too much aimless pushing and tugging. Referee Petey Scalzo twice cautioned Gault for hitting on breaks and Brooks for holding, and a couple of times he pleaded with the principals for more action. By calling one round, the fifth, even, Scalzo deprived Brooks of a complete shutout in the official scoring. Petey credited Nate with nine sessions, and both judges voted all ten to the Clevelander. Nate's brother, Paulie, 133½, made it a perfect night for the clan by outpointing Charley Smith, 137, West Side, in the semi-final six. In another six, Charley (Chuck) Foster, 147¾, Omaha, slugged to a draw with Bruce Foote, 151, Endicott, N. Y. In fours, Joe Tufaro, 136, Brooklyn, whipped a borough rival, Ray Kiley, 135½; Paul Kostopoulos, 149¾, Baltimore, drew with Joe Lissy, 142¾, Yorkville, and Billy Gardner, 131, Greenwich Village, stopped Mike Perez, 126, Brooklyn, at 2:01 of the final frame.

It was the same story—good fights, poor crowd—for the fourth I.B.C.-sponsored "new talent" card at St. Nicholas Arena. The gross gate, $1,239, contributed by a turnout of 745, was less than half what was needed to break even on the promotion. The sparse gathering was well rewarded, however, by another action-packed card lined up by Matchmaker Duke Stefano. The windup eight produced something of an upset when Bob Provizzi, 155½, Corona, edged out favored and heavier Danny Rubino, 161, Hoboken, in a free-swinging brawl. Promising Rinzy Nocero, 159½, remained unbeaten in 16 pro bouts by outpointing a fellow-Brooklynite, Johnny Davis, 160, in a slugging semi-final six. Another scheduled six was halted at the end of the fourth, Johnny Pruitt, 158, Spartanburg, S. C., getting credit for a kayo over Johnny Cox, 158½, Harlem. Cox had fought himself into exhaustion, and the bout was stopped on Dr. Vincent Nardiello's recommendation. In fours, Benny Hernandez, 142, Brooklyn, won from Al Certisimo, 142½, Hoboken; Art McCann, 134, West Side, drew with Emil Meyers, 136½, Brooklyn, and Johnny Cogdell, 185, Brooklyn, polished off Julio Zayas, 182½, Puerto Rico, at 2:04 of the first.

With two lusty punchers promising an exciting bombfest and probable knockout, the Joey Giardello-Willie Troy middleweight brawl attracted the second best gate drawn by a Madison Square Garden boxing card in five months. The gross receipts were $31,225, contributed by 8, 159 customers. (A detailed account of the fight appears elsewhere in these pages.) In a tame semi-final eight, Johnny DiGilio, 140, Bayonne, relied almost entirely on his left hand to edge out a close decision over veteran Freddie (Babe) Herman, 144, Los Angeles. DiGilio seldom used his right, but his jabs and hooks were enough to earn him the verdict over his lackadaisical opponent. A scheduled six between young Bronx heavyweights ended at 2:24 of the fourth when Frank Giosiffe, 186½, finished Elie Rogalle, 192, with a right to the body. In fours, Howie Turner, 197, Brooklyn, had the better of Ernie Cab, 192½, Harlem; Ernee Step, 160, Brooklyn, was a pace or two ahead of Curtis Bruce. 158½,

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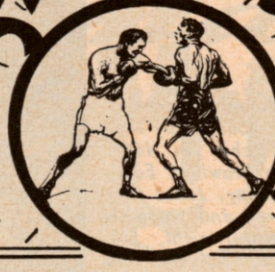

By BILL MILLER

DAVE ROLLINS, 129, retained his undefeated local status by scoring the unanimous verdict over Reuben Smith, 127, at the Olympic Auditorium. It was not an exciting fight, and the press boys apparently were interested in the presence of Bob Hope, Jose Ferrer and Rosemary Clooney at the ringside.

In the six-round semi, Russ Gillam, 157, was awarded a four-round TKO over Clifton Lester, 161, when Lester claimed he was thumbed and was unable to continue. The fours: Babe Vance, 143½, decisioned Tommy Chalk, 144; Calvin Brad, 170, TKO (3) over Jack Perry, 169; Danny Perez, 158½, TKO (3) over Richard Olympia, 158½, and Cliff Barnett, 160, TKO (3) over Charley Brown, 161.

Cisco Andrade, the Compton Comet, turned in the best fight of his career on Ray Arcel's Saturday night nationally telecast show from Washington by winning the unanimous decision over Percy Bassett. Here's the official scoring: Referee Charley Reynolds, 100-73; Judge Charley Buck, 100-79; and Judge Joe Bunsa, 100-81.

Coming atop of his impressive victory over Hoacine Khalfi in Toledo two weeks ago, also on an Arcel broadcast, this has boosted Cisco sky-high in popular esteem and he is now in The Ring Ratings.

Willie Vaughn, 162, recently deposed as state middle-weight champ by former occupant Charley Green, won the unanimous decision over Pete Servin in the main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium, but failed to add to his prestige thereby.

For eight rounds it was a dull affair. But when Referee Charley Randolph jabbed a verbal spur into Servin, Petrey suddenly came to life with a slugging attack in the last two heats.

In the six-round semi, Al (Candy) Lopez, 124½, won the unaimous decision over Fugi Rodriguez, 125½; and in the six-round special event, Tony Gallegos, 134, scored a 5th round kayo over Mickey McGuire, 134, dropping the latter four times before Referee Tommy Hart stopped the fight.

The fours: Richie Reed, 154½, KO (2) over Rick Forte, 156; and Johnny Rogers, 142, KO (2) over Larry Peteroff, 138½.

Mile Savage, 157, a 5-1 underdog, absent from the ring for the past three years, shocked the "smart money" by scoring the unanimous decision over Charley Sawyer, 151, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

It wasn't a red-hot fight, though there was plenty of action in the seventh heat when Sawyer made a desperate rally. Milo looms as a threat to Willie Vaughn, Charley Green and Dick Finley.

In the six-round semi, Bobby McLane, 156½, decisioned Marco Polo, 158; and in the six-round special, Mel Blackshear, 158, won a split verdict over Roy Daniels, 153.

The fours: Tony Rangel, 146, TKO (3) over Uli Robertson, 143½; and Tony Provencio, 124, decisioned Walter Caldwell, 122.

Also at the Civic Auditorium: big Jack Scheberies, the college heavyweight, scored a one-round kayo over southpaw Jack Winn of Vallejo; Winn failed to live up to his moniker. It was Scheberies second straight one-round kayo; last month he stopped Roger Allen of Portland.

The prelims: Bobby Martinez, 146, decisioned Alfredo Sanchez, 148; Humphrey Jiminez, 198, drew with Don Heitkotter, 180; Bobby Bue, 150, decisioned Tiger Morales, 152.

All hearts were saddened by the news that Harry Gordon, 51, nationally known handler and trainer, shot and killed himself. Two years ago, Gordon was badly injured in an auto accident. He had been despondent ever since. He was considered one of the best "cut" men in the business, and saved many a boy from a TKO by his expert corner work. I was proud to be his friend.

Manny Renteria, 138, who made his main event debut in his 12th pro fight, got over Number Thirteen impressively at the Olympic Auditorium by stopping Johnny Efhan, Filiipino from Stockton, 137¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten.

In his first main event, Manny rocketed to popularity by left-hooking Armando Muniz to sleep with a single left-hook in the second round.

Oddly enough, Efhan scored the only knockdown of the fight—and he did it in the 4th round, too. Johnny, a good puncher, dropped Renteria midway in the round. When Manny resumed fighting, he did it with such savage fury that within the remaining minute of the round, Efhan was reduced to a state of helplessness; in fact, he had to be helped to his corner.

Before the bell sounded for Round Five, Manager Shig Takahashi, Efhan's pilot, called the referee to the corner and informed him that johnny was unable to proceed.

It is obvious that Renteria is a young man to be reckoned with in lightweight ranks.

In the six-round semi, Leroy Richards, 129½, dropped Miguel Burciaga, 128, in the first round and continued to maintain his advantage to annex the unanimious verdict. The fours: Benny Coca, protege of Joey Barnum and Art Aragon, 120, scored a one-round TKO over George Jacquet, 119. Duke Holloway, Jacquet's manager, later announced that the boy was retiring from the ring. Sec Gonzales, 132, decisioned Gil Velardo, 129; Tony Reyes, 135, won his second straight pro bout, defeating Willie Escobar, 136; and Johnny Hariston, 151, decisioned Jimmy Flynn, 145.

A whopping good crowd of 4800 turned out to see the rematch between Don Jordan and Tony Escobar at Hollywood Legion Stadium—and they saw a whopping good fight.

Escobar, 138, scored a close, but unanimous verdict over Jordan, 138¾, thereby tying the score. Last January, it was Jordon who copped the duke.

Both boys were undefeated in their first meeting, which male it a natural. Rainy feather didn't help the attendance for the rematch, and the fight was televised, too—which makes the 4,800 figures something remarkable.

It was good enough for a rematch, and one will undoubtedly be forthcoming. Thus, despite the outcome, both boys can still brag that they've defeated every man they've faced in pro ranks. It was Jordan who inflicted the only defeat suffered by Escobar, and vice versa.

Eddie Sims, 159½, New Orleans, took the unanimous six-round verdict over Sugar Kid Burnett, 158; in the semi-final. Jimmy Smith, 163, decisioned Roger Franco, 159½, in the six-round special event. The fours: Al Perez, 145, decisioned Mario Conde, 150½; and Tony Rangel, 147, decisioned Uli Robertson, 145.

Art (Golden Boy) Art Aragon aroused the wrath of the boys in the boxing business by making some allegedly derrogatory remarks about the business of punch-for-pay. H'mmmm. Seems to me that he should be the very last man in the world to criticize boxing; the game has been very, very good to him

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Golden Boy Art Aragon got a verbal wrist-slapping from Tony Entenza, chairman of the State Athleetic Commission, for his "pop-off" at a Pasadena Club recently. Aragon was charged with saying all sorts of nasty things about boxing, ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Called up on the carpet, the penitent Aragon told Commissioner Entenza that he was trying to be humorous, but apparently his humor had back-fired.

Next time Aragon was warned, it gives a long suspension if he speaks before he thinks.

After eight years of darkness, Pasadena Arena got back into pro boxing, with the veteran Duke Holloway making matches for Promoter Morrie Cohan. The first show, staged on March 26th, featured home-town boy Billy Evans, 125, against Pete Aguirre, 129, with Evans making a spirited rally in the closing rounds to annex the decision. It was an excellent scrap.

Reuben Wilson, 187, scored a first round TKO over Dave Hamza, 179, in the scheduled six-rounder semi.

The fours: Bull Redder, 149, TKO (4) over Boise Phillips, 152; Tony Reyes, 137, made is three-straight as a pro, decisioning Sammy Mata, 133½ and Johnny Hairston, 151, KO (1) over Frank Ramar, 149.

It was announced that henceforth Pasadena shows would be staged on Thursdays.

And now Wilmington Bowl resumes pro boxing, with Earl Beebe as matchmaker; shows will be held on Friday night. For his opening opus, Beebe announces Vic (Kid) Ponce, local pride, against Jerry Strutz of Vancouver. Two veterans' groups are reportedly promoting the venture.

Having lost its TV sponsor, South Gate Arena gave up the ghost—joining the Valley Gardens arena.

But Pasadena gets back into the picture; Promoter Morrie Cohan has hired the veteran Duke Holloway to make matches for his arena. No TV.

While on the subject of television, the Olympic Auditorium contract with KCOP (13) runs out this month. The Olympic is negotiating with another station. If the deal doesn't materialize, the downtown arena will in all probability continue to run Tuesday nights, as it has since 1925, but without a TV sponsor.

Still on the subject of TV—Ray Arcel scored a ten-strike when he brought Cisco Andrade, the undefeated Compton Comet, to Toledo to test the mettle of newcomer Hocine Khalfi, Algerian lightweight. The fight was a corker; fast and interesting, featured by smart boxing by both boys.

Maybe I'm prejudiced, since I like Andrade personally; but I thought he won by a decided margin. Yet one judge called it a draw.

Incidentally, the TV announcer in an introductory remark, said: "Neither one is much of a puncher." Well, Andrade has knocked out 11 of his 21 opponents; in my book, that makes him a puncher.

Also, he spake about a "right hook". Please, Pa, what IS a right hook? The way I heerd it, the only guy who can toss a right hook is a southpaw; neither Andrade nor Khalfi is a portsider.

Dave Rollins, 126, the Detroit dancing-master, battled a 10-round draw with Juan Luis Cotero, 127, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium. Four months ago, in the same arena, Rollins took a split-decision over Cotero.

At that time, Cotero was ridin' a winning streak of seven straight. Rollins broke that winning streak; in retailiation, Cotero broke Rollins' jaw—but Dave managed to finish the fight and get his hand hoisted.

The verdict like most verdicts nowadays, was not unanimous; Referee Frankie Van voted for Rollins, 55½-54½; Judges John Thomas and Tommy Hart turned in identical cards, 55-55. (Who, me? I thought Cotero had an edge—but don't mind me; I came in on an Annie Oakley.)

The fight was very interesting; with Cotero the aggressor and hitting more effectively, but with Rollins' showing marked superiority in defensive boxing.

This was John Thomas' first appearance at the Olympic in the role of an official. It is my prediction he'll be a popular and efficient judge and referee. He was a fine lightweight 20 years ago.

Johnny Novela, 144, and Frankie Cockrell, 143, slugged it out to a draw in the six-round semi. As expected and predicted, they were showered with silver by the fans.

The fours: Tony Reyes, 134, decisioned Willie Lucero, 132; Jimmy Ingram, 176, de-

cisioned Henry Taylor, 170; Calvin Brad, 164, TKO (2) over Eddie Armijo; and Fernando La Doll, 146, decisioned Chango Patino, 149.

To the utter astonishment of absolutely nobody, Jake Williams, 182, scored a 3-round knockout over Irish Jimmy Sheets, 184½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was Jake's second kayo win over Sheets; Williams is now undefeated in 9 starts as a pro. If he continues to get guys like Sheets, he'll never get licked.

Cal Whorton was rather cruel in his write-up of the fight, in the Los Angeles Times. Said Calvin: "Sheets must have figured in advance he wasn't going to stick around too long. After taking an assortment of lefts and right to the head from the switch-hitting Williams, Sheets suddenly went down on all fours without even getting hit."

John Harding, 170, scored a 5-round TKO over thitherto undefeated Harvey Taylor, 165, in the semi-final. In the special, also a sixer, Fugie Rodriguez, 133, decisioned Johnny Richards, 130½.

The fours: Mario Conde, 149½ decisioned Johnny Noriega, 145; George Holmes, 159½, decisioned Mel Blackshear, 160½.

Two Angelenos won titles in the 27th annual Western tournament, Golden Glovers, at Chicago: Joe Charles, featherweight, and Alfredo Escobar, bantam. The Los Angeles team won second place in the tourney; St. Louis took first, though it had only one individual titleholder.

The L.A. teams was riddled with mishaps and injuries prior to departure for Chicago. They left without a lightweight; had to change the heavyweight and light-heavies.

Braven Dyer and Cal Whorton, of the L.A. Times, who accompanied the team, were delighted with the showing of their boys. So was Trainer Art Martell.

John Hall, boxing writer of The Mirror, gets considerably excited over a plan to feature round-by-round scoring of the fights at Hollywood Legion Stadium. He writes:

"Pending public reaction, the Legion would become the first arena in the nation to sponsor this much needed, but much feared, progressive step."

I hate to ruin a good story, but this is very far from being the first arena to try the scheme.

Away, 'way back in the Thirties, the Olympic Auditorium gave it a trial. It worked fine, when such referees as Abe Roth and Jack Kennedy were in there; they managed to maintain the suspense. There were other fights in which it didn't work so good.

For instance, there were a few scraps in which the customers started going home as early as the fifth round—thanks, or no thanks, to the score-board. Suppose two light punchers were in there; and suppose one boy, at the end of the fifth,, had a commanding lead.

Only chance remaining for his opponent would be a knockout—and this, in the case of a powder-puff puncher, would be chiefly noticeable by its absence. So the fans went home, cussing the scoring system and the arena and the guy who dreamed it up.

As for other criticism, I've seen crowds get angry to the point of rioting after some scores were posted.

I'm sorry, for John's sake, to spoil a story—but there's nothing new under the sun. It says so in the Old Testament—Ecclesiastes, I believe.

The plan of the State Athletic Commission to hold classes for referees and judges, following the hullaballoo about the decision in the Aragon-Davey scrap, seems to have passed into oblivion. One referee had a good suggestion, however; he said: "Inasmuch as these newspaper experts keep scores, too, how's about having them attend the school?"

P.S. There was no enthusiastic endorsement of this suggestion from any gent of the press.

At Fresno, the Raisin City, Jimmy Savala, 137, San Francisco, avenged himself against Aberdeen Lynch, 140, St. Louis, in the 10-round feature. Last September, Lynch duked Savala in San Francisco. Savala scored a TKO in 2:08, 10th round.

Rainy weather affected the attendance; the bout grossed $1513, at $2 top.

In the semi-final, Tommy Flores, 138, brother of Jesse, got up from a 2nd round knockdown to decision Coffeeboy Jones, 145.

The fours: Ralph Gomez, 151, decisioned Alfred Sanchez, 147; Lorenzo Vasquez, 128, TKO (2) over Art Soliz, 134; and Dick Moody, 167, decisioned John Chieman, 167.

Jerry Mullany also furnishes the figures for the attendance at the Ramon Fuentes-Art Soto state welterweight title bout, in which the former retained his crown. Some 2,800 fans paid a gross of $5,541—biggest Sacramento attendance in almost a year.

Howard King, 179, Reno, duked Jimmy Ingram, 175, in the sx-round semi; the fours: Gordon Meadoes, 147, KO (2) over Ken Williams, 147; Vince Terrell, 133, drew with Louis Garcia, 135.

Old-timers mourn the passing of George Bernard (Jack) Downey, trainer of the Sacramento Solons baseball team for the past 27 years. He trained and managed fighters as a side-line.

Downey was one of the very few men who defeated the great Jack Dempsey. He fought the Manassa Mauler three times; one win, one loss, one draw.

Grim, grizzled Carlos Chavez, lovingly known as "Old Man Resin", came through with a one-sided win over Otho "Sly Guy" Sligar, Texas welter, at the Olympic Auditorium. Chavez, 138; Sligar, 139½.

I got a kick out of the manner in which the newspaper laddies referred to Chavez. Frank Finch, in the L.A. Times, called him "the old irrepressible war-horse". Johnny Allen, in the Daily News, started his piece like this: "Ancient Carlos Chavez got his baptism as a track star at the Olympic Auditorium."

George Main, of the Herald-Express: "Carlos Chavez, grizzled veteran of a thousand fights, had something else to his credit today: he's a dash man." And John Hall, in the Mirror: "A grim and relentless Carlos Chavez proved there are still a few kicks left in the old warhorse."

What the boys meant, of course, was that Chavez was a veteran, something nobody can deny. He turned pro 'way back in '39. Before that, he boxed exhibitions with his brother Alfredo for a dozen years or so.

Anyway—here's the Chavez-Sliger fight, in a nutshell: Carlos ran forward, Sligar ran backward. The official scoring tells the tale; it was Chavez, by unanimous decision.

In the six-round semi, Big Bob Albright, 209, also engaged in a foot-race; he had a tough time catching up with Bill Mathias, 226, but finally did, at the end of Round four. So it was Albright the winner by TKO, 4.

The fours: Babe Vance, 144, decisioned Tommy Chalk, 145; Ruben Picazo, 125½, decisioned Al Enriquez, 122½; Chivaro Chavez, 140, TKO (4) over Manny Elam, 140½; and Mario Ornelas, 128, TKO (1) over Rpifanio Martinez, 122.

In a return contest with Tommy Manaois, San Francisco's Jesse Flores took eight out of ten rounds to gain a decisive victory. This was in sharp contrast to the fight a few weeks earlier, when Flores had to get off the floor to win a close verdict. Both bouts took place at San Francisco's Winterland arena.

The former title contender weighed 138; his hard hitting L.A. foe scaled 137.

Flores kept setting the pace after taking an early lead. His weaving style kept Manaois from hitting a vital target with his heavy artillery.

Two rounds were ruled even by Referee Ray Flores (no relation), who scored the fight 58-52. Consensus of newspaper writers had it 57-52.

With a $2 top, Promoter Benny Ford's program attracted $3,141.

Charley Copp, hard belting junior lightweight, was on target in the early stages of the semi-windup, when he had Augie Villareal on the deck in the first and second. Augie came on fast at the close to earn a 6 round draw. Weights: Copp, 131, Villareal, 131.

Four-rounders: Dick Moody, 159, beat Harold Jenkins, 159; Paul Felix, 123, dec. Lucio Savala, 121; Clarence Block, 160, outpointed Billy Glover, 163.

Promoter Charlie Joseph of Richmond has his main eventers wear different colored gloves. The light-dark contrast in padded weapons is an innovation for the Bay area, and the fans have greeted it with approval. Even top gallery spectators reported they had little trouble following the action.

Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, spent his vacation in Hawaii. The Honolulu fans greeted him warmly, and old timers residing there told the youngsters about Willie's thrilling victory over Ad Wolgast. Ritchie, on the staff of the State Athletic Commission, is chief boxing inspector for this region.

Tony Bosnich, recently one of San Francisco's best heavyweight attractions, has been granted a referee's license.

Benny Walker, who has beaten most of Northern California's lightweights and welters, has ended his long layoff. He is rounding into shape at Dolph Thomas' Royal Gym. Benny is now a middleweight.

A packed house in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium saw the Washington State College Cougars win the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate boxing championship. The Northerners scored 38 points and took three of the nine weight divisions.

San Jose State, the runner-up, also copped three individual titles, but could total but 34 markers. Idaho State was third with 28 points, followed by Idaho University and California with 10 each. Chico State and San Francisco State each made 5, and Santa Clara scored 2. Nevada, Cal Poly and the College of Idaho failed to register.

San Jose was much in the running until the 165 pound final between Gordon Gladson of WSC and Al Brown. But Gladson, a national collegiate champion, had too much for the San Josean, and Brown was stopped in 1:14 of the second.

From San Francisco, Jerry Mullany sends down the following jabs and jolts about doin's up around the Golden Gate:

Football speed doesn't always work in the boxing ring, and when the bell sounds you have to do your own blocking. Charley Powell, 216, a San Francisco 49er, was able to adjust his speed well enough to knock out Bill Mathias, a 220 pounder from Eureka. The end came in the second. The contest was the semi-final of Promoter Benny Ford's show at San Francisco's Winterland.

In the main event, Cecil Schoonmaker, 121, had too much experience and artillery for Casey Jones, 120, and won a ten round decision.

In the main bout, Jones, a highly regarded San Francisco prospect, was rated 10-7 over Schoonmaker. As soon as the contest started Casey had a tornado on his hands.

Cecil, the former state bantam champion, put Jones down for 8 in the third. In the ninth, Schoonmaker scored a 9 count knockdown. The house totaled $2,575.

The fours: Reuben Hernandez, 159, KO'd Boston Wilson, 153; Ralph Gomez, 151, dec. Tony Morales, 149; Jamie Carabello, 124, outpointed Doyle Hall.

Doug Kirby, 141, a San Francisco favorite, used a left jab effectively to keep Mario Trigo, 140, at bay for five rounds in the main event at San Francisco's Winterland. But the Los Angeles switch hitter came fast from then on, and Referee Frankie Carter gave Trigo the ten-round decision, 56 to 54.

Promoter Benny Ford had a bit of variety in the two feature bouts, which he scheduled for five rounds each. Both of these contests ended in knockouts. Ralph Gomez, 147, of South San Francisco, stopped Coffee Boy Jones, 147, in 2:35 of the fourth session. Reuben Hernandez, 158, of San Francisco, took two rounds to kayo Bobby Bue, 150, of Modesto.

The four rounders: Billy O'Neill, 143, outpunched Ernie Cabrerna, 144; Clarence Brock, 159, TKO in 2 over Billy Glover, 163.

San Francisco newspapers ordinarily pay scant attention to the Rainbo Arena bouts in Chicago, and omit the results most of the time. But one night a flood of phone calls reminded the sports editors that local middleweight Wes Echols, stablemate of Bobo Olson was in the Windy City main event, and they gave the story a prominent spot. Echols won a 10 round decision over Cyril Kelly, 159, of New Orleans. Echols scaled 157.

It was an elimination contest of Oakland boxers when Art Ramponi and Billy Beals collided in the main event at Richmond's Auditorium, and Ramponi did the eliminating. Art knocked out his rugged foe in 1:38 of the third round. Ramponi weighed 134, Beals 131. The affair was slated for eight rounds. Promoter Charlie Joseph's total showed 2465 fans paying $3193.

This was the fifth kayo victory of the year for Ramponi. In the second round he sent Beals down for a four count. The convincer in the third was a left hook to jaw which put Billy on his back.

Jiggs Reed, 147, of Oakland won on a TKO over Joe Gilmer, 146, of Vallejo. Gilmer suffered a cut eye, and the doctor ordered the fight stopped before the bell starting the third round.

Four round prelims: Charley Courtney, 143, and Chuck Carter, 146, draw; Kenny Williams, 144, KO'd John Campbell, 148, (1); Raul Valencia, 139, dec. John Freshwater, 151; Vince Tero, 136, outpointed Billy Skipper, 137.

Before I forget: my apologies to a nice guy, Sam Paternostro of Las Vegas. He's the manager of Neal Rivers, a very likely-looking middleweight prospect. It seems that in recent issues, I referred to Norman Lockwood as Rivers' manager. T'aint so: Paternostro is the manager, Lockwood is the California representative.

Both are nice guys; both are my friends; both could lick me in a fight—now that I'm an A.K. (That mean Ancient Karacter). So to keep peace in the family, I'll apologize.

From Jerry Mullany, my San Francisco right-arm, comes some newsy notes about fistic doin's around the Golden Gate.

Art Ramponi, 130, knocked out Cleo Lane, 131, at Richmond, in the 7th round. Two weeks ago, Art turned the trick in six. It was a swatfest, and the customers loved it: a near-capacity crowd of 2480 paid $3,068 to see the festivities.

Sgt. J. B. Reed, 203, defeated James J. Cartwright, 186, in the eight-round semi-scoring knockdowns in the 4th and 5th heats. The fours: Chuck Carter, 147, decisioned Charlie Courtney, 145; Nunu Randle, 132, KO over Russ Corbett 137 (1); Al Barbero, 143, de-

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BLOOD IS RED

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have given way to experiments, each coming a little closer to success and now color television is ready to burst forth in all its brilliance, with the Radio Corporation of America, and its affiliated subsidiary, the National Broadcasting Company, leading the dazzling parade.

While RCA has already begun its "big push" in color TV and is ready to invest another $30,000,000 to get the new medium rolling in high gear, there is disagreement in the manufacturing industry over whether color television should be introduced to the public at this time.

Virtually all other set makers do not believe that it is either technically or economically feasible to begin color for some time. Their main contention is that public interest in color has subsided because of the high retail cost of initial sets which run about $1,000 for a 12½-inch picture.

David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of RCA, while acknowledging the differences in the industry towards color TV's future, feels an increasing enthusiasm for color and says that he has always held that 1954 would be only "an introductory year" for color television. RCA plans to make about an additional 10,000 sets this year and they forecast that the demand for color sets would exceed the supply this year and next year, with volume for the industry gradually rising to 5,000,000 annually in 1958. It will be three to five years before $500 sets with 19- to 21-inch picture tubes would be available, the price and size needed to appeal to mass markets.

NBC's present schedule is for about one color show a week, which would be stepped up by the end of 1954 to two a week from New York and one a week from NBC's studio at Burbank, Cal. CBS several weeks ago turned back plans to expand its color programs, basing this on an informal survey that showed the number of color TV sets in use in 1954 would be far below many original, optimistic estimates.

RCA also says that, starting next fall, its programming subsidiary, NBC, would inaugurate a series of 90-minute color extravaganzas, starring top performers in the entertainment world and staged by the nation's most talented producers, to stimulate interest in color. These programs would include musical comedies, grand operas, ice shows, aquacades and circuses. There is a possibility that NBC will also offer the baseball All-Star game, the U. S. Open Golf tournament and the National tennis championships in color this summer. It would seem to us that these type of programs would lend themselves more readily and successfully to color television, at this time, than boxing bouts.

It was also disclosed that service policy on RCA's new color sets, providing for installation and for unlimited service calls and parts replacements for a full year, would cost $149.50, which is much less than the original estimates of about $250 to $300 a year, but still a little over double that for popular-size, black-and-white models. Two other less-expensive service policies will also be offered. It is estimated that by the end of the year 125 TV stations would be equipped for color, with color programs available to about 75 per cent of the nation's populations.

The DuMont Laboratories are working on a compatible 3-dimensional color TV system. While they are not preparing to put this system forward just yet, they are optimistic over the possibility of early success. It is estimated that 3-D black-and-white receivers would cost less than color sets. There are four different ways that video pictures could be received from a compatible 3-D color TV system: in black and white, in color, in 3-D color, and in 3-D black and white.

The general public, we feel, is receptive to and enthusiastic about color television. They would like to have it, if the price is right, and eventually they will get it. But in the meantime there is a growing concern, and hesitancy, in those people who are on the horns of an antenna. If they have no TV set or are ready to purchase a new one, should they buy a large-sized black-and-white receiver or invest, possibly more than they can afford just now, on a smaller-sized color TV set? Is it a safe investment to buy a black-and-white set today and, with color TV "just around the corner," not have an "old-fashioned" obsolete picture tomorrow?

Well, for one thing, there will always be a far greater number of black-and-white programs than color programs because of production costs, engineering difficulties and the fact that a vast number of subjects just don't lend themselves to being put over successfully in color. More important to the prospective buyer who feels he might be frozen out of some programs, as it is planned now—all color programs will be able to be picked up on black-and-white sets in black and white.

We would advise anyone in moderate means who is planning to buy a TV set not to hesitate on a black-and-white receiver. It's going to give you years and years of enjoyable entertainment. Color TV is still a luxury item of the first class.

But color television is coming and, in due time, it will be an important power in the entertainment and educational fields, and it will be there when you want it—and only when you want it.

MIDDIES KEEP BOXING ON TOP

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U. S. A. Since the passing of Cerdan, French boxing has revolved about the activities of middleweights Robert Villemain, Laurent Dauthuille, and Charles Humez.

It took a middleweight to turn in what the British call "England's greatest pugilistic victory of the century" when Randy Turpin surprised Ray Robinson and the world, by winning the middleweight title from Sugar in London 3 years ago.

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Australia has suffered extremely from the tragedy which has stalked the middleweight division. The best Aussie fighters, save possibly Peter Jackson and present bantam champion Jimmy Carruthers, have been middleweights. Two of them, Les Darcy and Dave Sands, were cut down at the crest of their capabilities. No one knows how great Darcy might have been.

Like Phar Lap, the tremendous Australian racehorse, he may have gone on to win rating as the best middleweight of them all. There seemed no limit to his potentialities when he was whipping the best American fighters sent against him some 40 years ago Down Under.

Darcy who met his end thousands of miles from his homeland in Memphis, Tenn., was so good, the impact of his curtailed career still stimulates boxing in Australia.

Years later another Down Under middleweight, Dave Sands, was to arise and perform the notable feat of winning the middle, lightheavy and heavyweight championships of the Island continent, only to meet an untimely end in an auto crash in which all others involved escaped with their lives.

Like Darcy, Sands' possibilities were unbounded. A tipoff on what they might have been can be judged from his two battles with Bobo Olson. In neither bout did Olson threaten the handsome aborigine who won as he pleased both times.

Two different generations of boxers have had a middleweight touted as the best pound-for-pound fighter of his time. They were Mickey Walker and Sugar Ray Robinson. Back in the early thirties, Walker's acceptance in this flattering category was not as universal as Robinson's, but there were many who, pin-pointing his successes against much bigger men, advanced this opinion. In Ray's case there are no dissenters to his rating as the best fighter of this era.

For ten years following Walker's discarding the 160 pound diadem, the class became mired in a maze of title claims and counter-claims. At times it seemed as though every neighborhood, village and hamlet had its "world's middleweight champion".

In spite of all this confusion during this period, Vince Dundee, Gorilla Jones, Ben Jeby, Teddy Yarosz, Len Harvey, Thil Lou Brouillard, Babe Risko, Solly Krieger, Al Hostak, Freddy Steele, and Fred Apostoli, all of them good fighters and title pretenders, waged warfare on each other with such vigor, the class proved a hotbed of activity.

It does seem that whenever talent is at its sparsest, a good middleweight fighter shows up to lead the pugilistic procession out of the wilderness and within sight of the promised land. Graziano was the most recent example and now we have Joey Giardello to carry on for a line of illustrious predecessors.

HURRICANE BLOWS TOWARD CROWN

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As Jackson's fists changed the contour of Bucceroni's face from a long, angular structure to one of bumps and lumps, the third ranking heavyweight from Philadelphia could barely see between the slits that divided the swells of flesh that had risen along the ridges of his cheeks and up and down his face. Of the two, his right eye was the worse and in the last minutes of the fight he was practically sightless in that optic.

In the rest periods between rounds a tired Bucceroni slumped to his stool awaiting first aid. In the opposite corner the fighting machine, Jackson, hardly touched his stool before he was up awaiting the bell, joggling his feet, flailing his arms like a beast of prey who refused to be separated from his kill.

By the fifth round Bucceroni was only going through the motions of fighting. He no longer had sufficient stuff left to be a threat. From the second through the fourth round the "Butcher Boy" would suddenly stop short, lift his head as if to scream in frustration, and then launch himself at Jackson with do-or-die murderous blows that went screaming around and on the target.

But Jackson was not to be stopped. Only once when he was hit hard to the stomach did he evidence any signs of discomfiture. He bent over slightly and fought out of a slight crouch for several seconds.

Asked after the fight about the body blow Jackson said: "It don't hurt, only made me mad. Every sock I got, gave me strength to fight harder."

As the time ran out on Bucceroni, he fought valiantly to stem the tide with those desperate flurries. But by the fifth round, his attempt to stay with the pace had taken too much out of him. It was spot power against a grinding perserverance and the perserverance won.

In the sixth session when the bout was halted, the Quaker City aspirant for world honors was completely defenseless. The fight ended with the Jackson machine running an assembly line of lefts and occasional rights to the unprotected head of Bucceroni.

Danny left the ring bewildered, his shoulders slumped and his head hanging, his claim to an early title fight gone for the time.

The end found Jackson, fresh as the minute he entered the ring, his brown ebony-like body rippling with the muscular development of the superb athlete. He was jubilant, dancing up and down, hugging his seconds, in a frenzy of joy.

IT was Jackson's 18th professional fight with a record of 16-1-1, whereas Bucceroni had 50 fights and had knocked out 30 opponents.

Only 20 months out of the amateurs, the twenty-two year old Jackson is the blood transfusion that will brighten the fistic scene. Still some time away from a title shot, Jackson has thrown new vitality into boxing. To cash in on his sudden success, he must continue to go forward in a spectacular fashion. How far he will go is anyone's guess.

He must depend on condition. Should his sudden success cause him to deviate from his usual procedure of hard training, he might go down the hill as fast as he came up.

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The Southern youngster is reminiscent of former perpetual motion machines such as Hammering Henry Armstrong, Harry Greb and Battling Siki. Not a replica of any, he is a combination of all with added touches all his own. While Armstrong moved forward with arms moving at all times, "Homicide Hank" fought out of a crouch with a slight side-to-side movement as he shuffled forward. Jackson stands upright and follows no pattern other than to throw punches from all angles in a most unorthodox style.

Greb was a swarmer who laced the air and his opponents with leather. He was often criticized for his lack of punching ability and for the manner in which he threw a looping right. But those who watched closely noted that he stuck out a straight left that looked awkward, but which busted his opponent's defense wide open making it easy for his right to reach its target. Greb, like Jackson, made the motto "anything goes" his by-line.

Battling Siki, the clown prince of boxing, was similar in action to Jackson once the gong rang. He hustled forward depending on his constant flurry of blows to overcome his opponent. No stylist, the Senegelese did follow a pattern of combat. Jackson on the other hand did everything in the limbo of the unexpected and little that is to be expected.

A scientific fighter would be trouble bound with him, since the book of boxing that calls for certain moves and blows to follow others . . . that code of magnificent boxing ability . . . was thrown away by Jackson at birth. He fights by instinct, which had led many an observer to nickname him "animal."

His one drawback? It is a serious one for a heavyweight, a lack of any real punching authority. But the manner in which he crowds an opponent rarely allows his rival to get set to do him any damage.

Even against harder hitting, such as Bucceroni carried as a weapon, Jackson was capable of keeping his man from setting himself and thereby land sufficiently often with his big guns to do any damage.

After the contest the talk was all about this guy Jackson, this tiger with animal-like vitality.

Where did he get such stamina?

Whitey Bimstein, his trainer, attempted to answer that one:

"The kid is like the oldtimers in his training. Nothing is too much or too hard for him to do. Ask him to run two miles and he wants to jog twelve. You saw the results tonight."

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IMPROVED CHARLES TO FACE ROCKY

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rounds and Bob Satterfield whom he flattened in two. Of course, he will be facing a tougher fighter in Marciano, one of the best hitters of recent years, but Ezzard is of the opinion that his science, combined with his newly acquired hitting power, should enable him to stand up against the T.N.T. wallops of the defending champion.

There is much to be said about that. Fistic experts will tell you that of all of the heavyweight contenders, poor as the lot may be, Charles stands the best chance to hand Marciano a setback. He has what it takes if he doesn't go back to his old style once he enters the ring.

Just before entraining for his camp, Charles, interviewed remarked:

"I'm glad to get this chance at the champ. I know more about boxing than he does. I punch pretty well now. My desire is to let up on a fellow when I had him in trouble, something for which I was criticized when I held the title, is gone. I've learned my lesson."

Asked if he had any plan of attack he intends to develop at the Monticello camp, Charles replied:

"Naturally. I have brought with me a couple of fast boys and a couple of hard hitters. I will work for speed and to avoid being hit. You can take it out of an opponent with one shot if you catch him right as Walcott did when he caught me in Pittsburgh, but to do so one must have his man in proper position to down his target.

I can move fast, Marciano cannot. He lacks science. I'll try not to be that target.

I'm not going to be the cautious Charles who has been so severely criticized by you writers in the past. If I do, I know I'll blow my chance. I'm going into this fight with my eyes wide open. I'm going to be in the best condition I ever was.

"I don't want to be caught as I was in my Walcott fight. Marciano's left hook won't catch me as did that of Jersey Joe. I'll develop a proper defense for that in camp."

Marciano is equally confident. He thinks that two months of hardening at Grossinger's before getting into active training, has put him in the pink for the hard, tough grind that will wind up next month. He has hardened his muscles with wood chopping, climbing trees and other tough chores.

Rocky, under the able tutelage of Charley Goldman, has corrected the faults obvious in his fight with LaStarza. He doesn't expect to repeat them. He knows that Charles is a much better boxer, and more dangerous puncher than LaStarza. Realizing he cannot afford to fool around with Ezzard, Rocky is pointing for a quick knockout.

"That," he said at Grossinger's, "is what counts most. Once you land the kayo, there can be no further argument about the relative merits of fighters. I know where Charles excels and where I am better and I feel that my punch against his cleverness will find me in front."

When Charles was appraised of the above, he replied: "You can't swap punches with a fellow who can knock your brains out. I have to hand it to Marciano when it comes to hitting, but he can hurt me most only when he has me in position and I'll do my utmost to keep out of that. As the fight progresses, one finds out by degrees what's the best procedure. A quick thinker can gauge a situation and make the best of it. I have what is necessary to follow that through and I'll make use of it.

I'll see what happens and I expect to take advantage of every mis-step. There was a time during my championship days and immediately following, when I depended wholly on my agility and cleverness. They didn't pay off. So I changed my style. I'm not reckless to the extent that I'll go in to slug it out with a powerful hitter like Rocky. That would be a hazardous style. But I won't cringe, nor quit when I'm hit.

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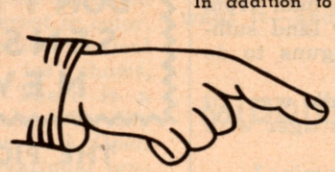

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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cisioned Charlie Coffee, 145; and Carl Dugan, 157, TKO (3) over Al Lorenz, 159.

In San Jose, Ernie Greer, 145, Oakland, scored an upset win over home-town pride Chuck Adkins, 141; TKO, 9 rounds.

The prelims: Vince Tero, 136, decisioned Louis Garcia, 137; Roger Rischner, 180, TKO 2 over Jim Marzana, 187; John Freshwater, 147, decisioned Ernie Cabreana, 147; and Lou Gage, 152, TKO (2) over Mel Jackson, 133.

The San Francisco Examiner credits me with the invention of the name "bolo punch": Well, guilty, with a plea for lenience. Here's the paragraph, quote:

"Back in the days when Ceferino Garcia was coming to the fore, Miller was publicizing most of his fights." (Comment: I publicized all of his fights, inasmuch as I had a ⅓ interest in his contract: my partners were Frank A. Churchill and Jesus S. T. Cortes, now living in Manila. Churchill died in '32.)

"'He developed this punch', Miller wrote, 'when he was cutting sugar cane back in Manila.'"

Oh, come, now! I lived in Manila in 1919-20-21, was Sports Editor of the "Daily Bulletin". I certainly never said or wrote anything like that! For one thing, there 'ain't no such animile' as sugar-cane in Manila, as any ex-Filipino can attest.

The (Examiner) has Ceferino mixed up with Kid Gavilan, who DID cut sugar-cane in Cuba.

Garcia employed a swooping right-hand uppercut; he brought it up from the floor. First time he employed the punch, in the U. S. A., was in his debut in Los Angeles at the Olympic Auditorium, (where I've been publicist for the past twenty years.)

He was fighting a Mexican welter named Alfredo Gaona, managed by my good friend George Parnasus. In Round Four, Ceferino came up from the cellar with that looping uppercut; down and out, went Gaona.

The late Mark Kelly, Sports Editor of the 'L. A. Examiner'—and a top-hand in writin' *he* was!—turned to me.

"What the hell was THAT, Bill?" he asked.

"He swang it like his ancestors swang the bolo, Mark", I wise-cracked. Something like that. The remark registered with Kelly. In writing his story of the fight, he referred to it as a bolo-punch. Actually, therefore, it was Mark Kelly who first used the term "bolo punch" in print, but I suppose I'm responsible.

There is lots of sugar-cane in the Philippines, but most of it in the Southern Islands. Luzon, largest of the group, and the Island on which Manila is situated, is famed for lumber, rice, tobacco, gold and lovely gals, among other things. But not sugar cane. And Ceferino was a member of the Tagalog tribe, which lives in Luzon.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

GEORGE PARNASSUS, Sioux City boxing and wrestling promoter flew into Chicago to see the middleweight title battle between Bobo Olson and Kid Gavilan.

Pinkie George, Des Moines, Ia., promoter is still packing them with his weekly mat cards. George may also try one or two summer boxing shows.

Miller, So. Dak.—Attracting interest from all sections of this area is the South Dakota State amateur boxing tournament staged here: In the high-lights of the tourney, Hobart Lonehill, 146-pound Igloo welterweight, hammered Don Gunhammer, 140, to the canvas for a one round kayo. The lively card, witnessed by a capacity crowd saw three T. K. O'S; Don Emmick of Sioux City presented trophies to Ronnie Davis of Miller, sportsmanship; Jerry Savoid of Sioux Falls, S. D. the most promising boxer, and the Igloo-Belle Fourches team for a top string of eight victories.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Tommy O'Loughlin, well known Minneapolis boxing figure and former boxing manager is now promoting Ice Shows.

Wrestling is still the big indoor drawing card with such top names as Verne Gagne, Bob Orton, Bill Melby, Bill McDaniels, Jack Witzig, Yukon Eric, Mighty Atlas, Hans Schmidt, Argentina Rocca all getting top bookings. . . . Girl wrestlers are another big favorite here with such names as Nell Stewart, Ell A. Waldek, Dot Dotson, Carol Cook, Betty Hawkins, Ethel Brown, Cora Coombs, all seeing action. . . . Sell out crowds are a habit with crowds of 5,200 fighting their way through the gate.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.—The first professional boxing show was presented in Omaha in over a year. Only 777 fans paid $1,526.00 to see the card which was studded with club fighters and Joe Louis as referee.

In the main event, a twin feature offering, Carl Stafford, 145, Chicago won a 10 round decision over Emerson Butcher, 145, West Palm Beach, Florida. It was a close fight all the way but staggering punches in the 7th round won the fight for Stafford.

In the other feature, Ralph Cerventes, 138, Rockford, Illinois scored a TKO in the sixth round over Fernando Riveria, 140, Kansas City, Mo. The fight was stopped when Rivera suffered a cut over his left optic.

In the semi-windup, Russ Tague, 128, Davenport, Iowa knocked out Jim Hairston, 122, Kansas City, Mo. at 2.03 of the 4th round. . . . In the prelims Ron Stribling, 133, Cedar Rapids, Iowa won a 4 round decision over Frankie Rivera, 135, Kansas City, Mo. . . . Pete Kamua, 127, Winnepeg won a 4 round decision over Martin Ware, 131, Omaha.

Among the Nebraska fighters seeing action in other rings, in a prelim to the Nate Brooks-Henry (Pappy) Gault main event at Brooklyn, Chuck Foster, 147½, Omaha and Bruce Foote, 151, Endicott, New York, drew in 6 rounds.

In prelims to the Bobby Bickle-Dave Shade bout at Wichita, Kansas, Alvin Williams, 178, Wichita, Kansas knocked out Elmer Smith, 179, Omaha in the 2nd round. . . . In a 4 rounder on the same card Don Smith, 139, Wichita and Martin Ware, 133, Omaha boxed to a draw.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

BOBBY BICKLE, 135, Topeka avenged two previous defeats by Dave 'Sunny" Shade, 138, Detroit, when the Kansan outpunched the Michigan veteran in ten rough rounds at Wichita's Forum.

In the semi windup, Chief Alvin Williams, 173, Oklahoma City knocked out Elmer Smith, 178, Omaha in the second round. In the co-windup, Billy Sudduth the Midwests's welterweight champion stopped Leonard Neal, 155, Wichita in the third.

Don Smith, 138, Wichita beat Martin Ware, 135, Omaha in four. Claude Sullard, 138, Wichita kayoed Billy Bauersfeld, 143, Philadelphia in 35-seconds.

On the American Legion's first professional boxing card in a decade at Hutchinson's Convention Hall, 2,000 fans turned out to see Bobby Bickle, 135, Topeka kayo Don Smith, 135, Wichita in the fourth round.

In the show stealer of the evening, Chief Alvin Williams, 172, Oklahoma City, prepping for a television fight with Floyd Patterson at New York, decisioned the cagy veteran Ray Augustus, 170, Topeka in six.

Billy Sudduth, 147, Topeka, iced Elmer Carson, 148, Wichita in three. Claude Sullard, 138, Wichita stiffened Louie Lipp, 135, Kansas City in one. Johnnie Jaramillo, ex-paratrooper beat lightweight Salvador Hernandez, Kansas City in four.

Send results to Max Yeargain, 2101 Potomac Drive, Topeka, Kansas.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

Mountain Home, Idaho—Mountain Home AFB boxers captured the Northwest Conference trophy here in the finals of the Air Force tourney on March 26. Fred Jackson Mountain Home, TKO'd Joe Winters, Fairchild AFB, in 1:12 of the second in a lightweight bout.

Boise, Idaho—Joe McNew of the Boice Valley Athletic Club, staged a good amateur show at the Riverside arena, but was had with a small crowd present. Don Hazeltine of Emmett, Ida., and Dick Jackson of Boice, copped the highlight of the evening with their toe-to-toe slugging, with Hazeltine emerging the winner by one point.

Ontario, Oregon—Hard punching Harley Breshears of Parma, had very little trouble with Al Kelly of Bremerton, Washington. Kelly was down in the first round for the eight-count and went down to stay in the second.

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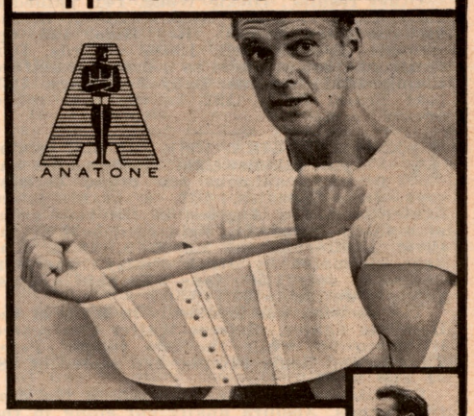

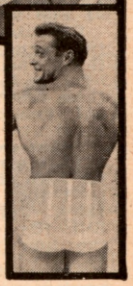

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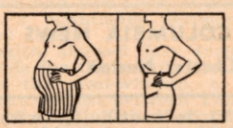

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BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

FRANKIE FERNANDEZ has definitely come back. No longer the power hitter of old, the aging battler nevertheless proved more than good enough to whip Henry Davis handily in a ten round main event held at the Civic Auditorium, March 23, 1954.

Displaying remarkable stamina for a fighter who is thirty-five years old, the Puerto Rican puncher carried the fight to Davis by setting a terrific pace which his younger opponent was simply unable to match. The verdict in his favor was decisive and unanimous. Except for the first two rounds, which were scored even, and the third which he lost on low blows, Fernandez copped all the remaining rounds with ease and left no doubt as to his superiority. Referee Louis Freitas and Judge Peter Thomas had identical scores of 98–89, while the other judge, Walter Cho, had Fernandez winning 98 to 88.

The most attractive local fight of the year, at least on paper, nearly turned out a dud when Henry Davis showed a definite reluctance to fight in the earlier rounds. Whether it was respect for Fernandez's blasting power or just his strategy, it was obvious that Davis wasn't making any attempt to punch in the first four rounds. He went into a clinch at every opportunity and in the fourth round went down grimacing on a dubious claim of a foul blow. Later when he finally made an attempt to get going he had nothing left to back it up, the result of having absorbed too much punishment.

The fight started off badly for Fernandez when an accidental butt by Davis opened an old cut over his left eye in the very first round.

Fernandez's best rounds were the fifth, sixth and seventh, when he shook Davis with stinging rights to head and body. In the seventh Fernandez nearly put Davis away when he connected with three consecutive solid rights to the head. The next three rounds, though less torrid, were still entirely in Fernandez's favor.

Announced weights for the fighters were: Fernandez, 143¼, and Davis, 140½.

The fight was promoted by Hugh Finlay and drew 5,235 fans for a gross gate of $11,878.01.

Other results: Dickie Wong, 141, gained a TKO win over Bobby Acusta, 138½, in the fifth and final round. Roy Higa, 125, decisioned Abel Donnell, 130½. 5 rds. Dan Santiago, 136, was held to a draw by Linford Chung, 139½. 4 rds. Baby Boy Mara, 125, beat Ernest Sylva, 122, in the four round opener.

RENO ABELLIRA, 158¼, up and coming Filipino middleweight, clobbered his way to an unanimous ten round decision over Jesse Fuentes, 162, a granite-jawed fighter from Los Angeles, in the man event of a fairly interesting fight card held at the Civic Auditorium on March 9, 1954. The fight, promoted by Hugh Finlay, was witnessed by only 1,500 fans who paid a gross gate amounting to $2,148.56.

The decision was lopsidedly in favor of the Honolulu fighter. Referee Walter Cho scored it 98 to 90, while the two judges, Peter Thomas and Louis Freitas, had scored of 98-91 and 99-91.

Outboxed and outmanoeuvered in the first two rounds, Abellira finally got going in the third when he lashed out with several hard lefts and rights to Fuentes' jaw. One of these blows put Fuentes on the floor for the only knockdown of the fight. It also opened a cut over Fuentes's left eye.

Other results: Richard Choi, 151½, scored a TKO win over Vincent Medeiros, 152¾, in the fifth of six. Bobby Acusta, 137, was held to a four round draw by Danny Santiago, 135¾. Julien Velasco, 136, decisioned Josiah Lili, 138, 4 rds. Dalfus Brown, 158½, won the four round opener over John Parker, 155½.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

EARLE KALANI is continuing with his good matchmaking as was evidenced by his promotion of March 18th. Brawling Bill Brenner, 160, Vancouver, fresh from his KO victory over Earl Turner, turned the heat on Billy Corbett, 164, Sedro Wooley, and polished him off at 2:35 of the fourth. Corbett was dropped with a whistling left hook in the fourth and although he managed to beat the count, he was soon finished with a flurry of punches.

Len Walters, 129¼, Vancouver's own boxing master, handed Teddy Hall, 128, St. Louis, an artistic boxing lesson over six rounds.

Frenchy Belanger, 149, Vancouver, KO'd Brave Junior, 146¼, Klamath Falls, at 2:35 of the second. Tony Greb, 143½, Stockton, halted Jack O'Brien, 139½, Bremerton, at 0:30 of the third. In the opener, Mike Mannix, lost a four round decision to Garry Lynch.

On April 1, Ken McPhee, 135½, Vancouver, came out of retirement to the often fighting Bobby Woods, 134, California, and was pushed right back into a retired state. McPhee went down twice in the sixth from short, jolting rights, but still came back fighting. He was sent down again at the bell in the seventh and somehow managed to come up for round eight. Woods finished his game opponent at 1:36 of the eighth with another jarring right to the chin.

In the semi-final, Len Walters, 128, Vancouver, continued handing out boxing lessons to his opposition. This time it was Tony Alvarez, 129, Seattle, and Tony was so badly outclassed and bleeding profusely from the nose that the referee halted the slaughter at 1:30 of the fifth.

Earl McDonald, 145½, Vancouver, had little difficulty in outboxing rugged Ernie Davis, 141½, Seattle, over six rounds. McDonald's counter punching and defensive work leaves little to be desired.

Charley Clem, 151½, Klamath Falls, hung a wild one on Frenchy Belanger, 149, Vancouver, at 2:45 of the second. Little Poppa Brown, Seattle, and Del McNeil, Vancouver, fought to a four round draw.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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TED OLLA, local favorite, out in front for seven rounds, lost on a TKO in the eighth to Ernie Durando of Bayonne, N. J. Some 4,500 fans were stunned by the sudden turn of the event. However, there were evidences of Olla beginning to tire in the 7th, and when he was dropped twice in the 8th with rights to the chin, referee Don Dickinson wisely stopped the bout although Olla was on his feet.

Joe Azzarella a very good lightweight of the 20's has done a good job in developing the youngster, since he left the amateur ranks in 1949. In 51 bouts it is the first time Olla has been stopped. Durando weighed 161, Olla 162.

The rest of the card follows:

Toxie Hall, 192¾, Chicago, and John Holman, 205, Chicago, drew eight rounds. Referee, Omar Crocker.

Dick Powell 127, Chicago, defeated Tony Spano, 133½, Chicago, six rounds. Referee, Richard Murphy.

Dick Perkins, 138½, Milwaukee, outpointed Don Frye, 141½, Milwaukee, four rounds. Referee, Murphy.

Joe Anderson, 159¼, Chicago, won by technical knockout from Dennis Duane, 167, Milwaukee, at 1 minute 34-seconds of first round. Referee, Dickinson.

John Gray, 198, Chicago, defeated Buddy Graham, 192½, Memphis, four rounds. Referee, Crocker.

Attendance, 4,528. Receipts (after tax), $11,834.52.

It is always good to hear of one of the old timers making good. Eddie Stack an old sparring partner of mine who was born Heesaker in De Pere, Wisconsin, has been in the Federal prison service for 12 years and is doing a worth while job teaching boxing and staging shows at the Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind.

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

THE March 30th Spokane Armory show, staged by Cozza-August, was an action packed affair all the way. In the headliner of this "talent" show, Gene Brixen, Sand Point, Idaho heavyweight, was well ahead of Portland's Chuck Ross for three rounds, but the rugged Ross began to carry the fight to Brixen and took the final three rounds. In the last Stanza he battered the Sand Point heavy from pillar to post. The decision was a draw. A rematch over the 8 or 10 round route is well warranted.

It was a fine supporting card featuring some of the cleanest fastest action from a bunch of youngsters and several fine prospects were unveiled. The best looking youngster was 133-Lb. Willard "Battling" Nelson, Portland youngster, in his pro debut. He decisioned Seattle's Gary Lynch in an action packed four rounder, decking Lynch twice in the process. In other four rounders Welterweight Chuck McDonald, Portland youngster, also in his pro debut, made a big hit when he belted out 150 pound Bobby Rogers of Spokane in two; Featherweight Jerry Lewis, also fighting his first pro fight, came from behind to stop Duane (Dutch) Crisp in the final round; In a welterweight bout Dick Milne, Spokane, eked out a close decision over Billy Huff, also Spokane.

In a six rounder Bobby Doll, 135, closed strong but dropped a duke to Jackie Fros, 138. In another six Barry Jackson, Spokane, 170, stopped Curtis Knox, Seattle, 167, in 5.

NEWS FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CAN.
By Thomas V. Deugau

PROMOTER Jack Berry had to put on a substitute card when Earl Walls, scheduled to fight Freddy Beshore, was injured and Bobby Volk, a poor sub who had been inactive for some time, took Walls' place. Walls was placed on the ineligible list by the NBA and Canadian Federation until such time as he fulfills his original contract for a fight at Berry' club. Volk, 176, was stopped by Beshore, 195 in 1.15 of the second round after being dropped in the opening session.

Had Walls fought, there would have been a sell out house since 2500 fans paid $4800 to see the substitute mill and 3400 persons got a refund.

There were only two action fights in the six preliminaries on the card.

Gilbert McAllister, a middleweight prospect in George Dunn's stable, won over Wilf Keating, 150, RCAF, Edmonton, in a four rounder. Harold Demchuck, 136, scored a 4th round T.K.O. over Jerry Olmar, 130, when Dr. Les Williamson stopped the fight because of an eye cut suffered by Olmar in the 3rd round. Kenny Anderson, 144, won a UD over Henry Bouchard, 143, in 4 rounds.

Jersey Joe Edwards, 118, Amber Valley provided laughs as he outfought Frenchy Germaine, 126.

Jock McLean, 184, edged Mike Martishuk, 179 in a dull 4 rounder. Ray Dillon, 162, won the decision over Bobby Jo Jo, 160.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

At the St. Paul Auditorium, Del Flanagan, St. Paul welterweight, won by a knockout in the ninth round over Billy Pinkus, Winnipeg. Welterweight in the main event of a good card at the St. Paul Auditorium. Pinkus was in there throwing punches and giving the fans the kind of a fight they wanted to see but was outclassed by the more experienced Irishman. Finally the referee had to stop the battle. The crowd was around 4000 people and a gate of over $7,500 which is good considering what the other fights have been drawing around the country.

Emil Evans, St. Paul, 151 won the decision over Danny Davis, Minneapolis, 156 in six rounds. Maurice Gage, Minneapolis, 175, won by a knockout over Del Kenow Faribault, Minn., two rounds. Mickey Zielke, La Crose, 145 won the decision over Don Dakota, Minneapolis, 144, in four rounds. George Price, St. Paul won by a tko over Dick Newell, Minneapolis, 145, in three rounds. Ralph Alvarez, St. Paul, won the decision over Neil Zraser, Minneapolis, 145, in six rounds.

BOXING IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

ALTHOUGH Ramon Tiscareno, Los Angeles welterweight, nailed Emerson Butcher of Chicago with terrific left hooks and right crosses to the chin, the California fighter could not fell the game midwesterner in their battle bout. Never taking a back step, Butcher, although losing the bout, won the applause and admiration of the fight fans by his excellent showing.

This bout was backed up by another ten round setto which saw Ralph Cervantes of Rockford, Illinois stopping Jimmy Grow of Boise, Idaho in the ninth round. Grow, a good boxer, appeared to be somewhat drawn while Cervantes was in better shape than ever before.

Cervantes, strong at 135 pounds, has a weight advantage over Grow of three pounds. A better boxer than Cervantes, Grow had an early lead but in the fifth round Cervantes began shooting overhand bombs at Grow which the latter was unable to parry.

The four round opener found Butte's fast improving featherweight Eddie Lockett, outsmart young Dave O'Leary of Helena and stopped him in the second. Tony Greb, 142, Seattle, Wash. was too strong for Herbie Patzer, 136, Anaconda, Mont. in six, and Johnny Masonvich, 187, Butte kayoed Al Kelly, 192, Harrisburg, Pa. in the first.

In our last report we were unable to make the issue with the result of the fine battle between Ramon Tiscareno of Los Angeles, and Billy Sudduth of Topeka, Kansas. The California welterweight won a hard fought ten round decision. In the co-feature Joey Maldonado drew with Ralph Cervantes.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

A large, fight-hungry crowd, jammed the hall of the South Main Street Armory, Wilkes-Barre, to welcome pro boxing to this area, after a lapse of seven months. Colorful Tony Baldoni, 155, made his return to the ring after spending the last four years with the Marines. Tony showed his many friends that he had lost none of his zing during the lay off as he finished Stanford Bulla, 157, New York City in 1:58 of the second round.

A crowd of 2,621 contributing to a gross gate of $3,290.25 for the first show presented here since last June.

Referee Johnny Kelly stopped the fast action when Bulla was helpless following a crack on the chin. Bulla nearly ended the fight midway in the first round when he landed a hard right on Tony's whiskers.

The double windups provided plenty of action when Bob Provizzi, 155, Freeland, won an unpopular decision over Bobby Rosado, 150, New York City, in eight rounds after the three prelims ended in quick knockouts.

When the announcer stated that Provizzi was the winner, the fans rocked the place with booing. The referee had cast his ballot five to two, with one round even for Rosado, while the two judges had voted for Provizzi, 4-3-1 and 6-2. My score card read Rosado 5-3.

The show got off to a fast start when Joe Dolan, 124, Wilkes-Barre, had Rocky Sadano, 134, Pittston, in such poor condition at the end of the second round that he was unable to answer the bell for the third. Mallie Shaw, 163, Baltimore, tagged Delmonte Coleman, 159, Wilmington, with a smack to the head and he went down for a count of nine. A short time later the ref stopped the fight and Shaw was the winner on a TKO in 2:13 of the first heat.

Buddy Rushinski, Ashley, had no trouble defeating Cap Caporale, Hazleton. Buddy finished the fight in the second round after Cap went down twice. Rushinski weighed 153, Caporale 147.

Scranton Elks annual amateur boxing show was enjoyed by an estimated crowd of more than 2,500 fans at the Scranton Catholic Youth Center. Twelve bouts provided an abundance of wild swinging action. More experienced youngsters from the Binghamton, N. Y. Police Athletic league triumphed in seven of the pleasing battles.

Jack Castellani, Blakely was impressive in winning over David Campoli, Binghamton in the feature three-rounder. Sorry space won't permit the use of all results.

Waiting for The Bell . . . Boxing is booming in the region with amateur shows going in Wilkes-Barre, Carbondale, Binghamton, N. Y., Hazleton on a monthly basis.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By Billy Shaw

WHEN Italo Scortichini returns to his native Rome, Italy, he will have plenty to tell about tough decisions in American boxing. His debut in a Syracuse ring was no exception. Syracuse fans are still bitter over the verdict given Carmine Fiore, of Brooklyn, after a sizzling ten-round battle with Scortichini, at War Memorial.

With the announcement of the decision, a near-riot broke out. Angry fans stormed the ring and berated the officials, the commissioners, and everybody in general connected with the fight. Most of the crowd thought Scortchy had taken seven of the ten rounds. The vote of Referee Petey Scalzo, a good official, in favor of Fiore, whom he gave 6 rounds to 4 for Scortichini, is very hard to understand. Judge Jack Kimball saw it 5–4 and one even, with Fiore Winner. Judge Paul Cummings figured Fiore for 6 rounds, Italo only 3, with one round even.

We thought Scortichini had won 7 of the 10 rounds. Weighing 154¾, Scortichini, outboxed, outhit and outsmarted his rugged Brooklyn foe. Granted Fiore put in the hardest blows, when he did get in close enough to penetrate the wily Roman's defense, Scortichini would outpunch him, drive him back on his heels. Fiore suffered a slight cut over his right eye in the first round, which bled profusely, but was not serious enough to halt the proceedings. When the decision was announced, Scortichini wept openly in the ring.

The fight drew $15,754 gross, with 5,100 in attendance, though it was nationally televised with only the Syracuse and Central New York area blacked out.

In the six round semi-final, Eddie O'Hara, 171, promising Rochester boxer, outpointed Bill Tatum, 173½, Buffalo. Tatum was decked several times during the mill. It took Frank Cowan, 195½, the Big Apple from Waterville, just two rounds to halt Joe Evans, 207, of Cleveland. Sammy Jackson, 179, Syracuse, tucked away Dave Hamilton, 177½, in the third. Arnold Green, 152, Rome, drew with Willie Giano, 152½, Rochester, in four; while Eddie Smith, 164, Detroit, easily beat Jim Paul, 161¾, Buffalo, in six.

LEFT-HOOKS: George Guzzo, oldtime favorite of 30 years back, is now residing at the County Home. . . .Carmen Basilio is back at the conditioning grind after a serious tonsil operation, which laid him low, shortly after his Florida fight with Italo Scortichini. . . . Billy Harris' good looking fighter, Sammy Jackson, improves with each start. . . . Irv Robbins gym is one of the busiest spots in town when there is a fight scheduled here. . . .

Rumor has it two small clubs will be formed in this area for the purpose of developing new talent. . . .One will operate in Fulton, the other at Jack Britton's old home town, Clinton, N. Y. . . . Gene Moriarity, oldtime Solvay Bearcat, who fought them all, seen on the corner of South Salina st., and W. Jefferson, talking over the bygone days with Chuck (Caveman) Fisher, one of the toughest middleweights ever developed here. . . . Like Moriarity, the old Caveman fought 'em all. . . . Consistently, Oswego, N. Y. and Utica, N. Y., have sent delegations of fight fans for every local card. . . . Binghamton, Endicott and Johnson City, also show up well in the advance reservation column.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

BERT WHITEHURST, 189, Maryland heavyweight champion, failed in his quest to even matters with Willey James, 204½, New England heavyweight champion, at the Baltimore Coliseum by dropping a ten round decision to the 6 feet, 3 inches Roxbury, Mass. boxer. James had kayoed the Baltimore slugger in a Boston ring last year. The decision was a split one.

Johnny Shkor, 235, scored a 2 round kayo in a comeback attempt, over James Wiley 202, of Philadelphia. Joe Sanchez, 203, TKO'ed Isaac Dukes at the end of the 2nd heat. Tony Celano, Baltimore lightweight, scored his fifth straight local kayo win when he starched Jimmy Curtis of Philadelphia. Paul Kostopoulis, Baltimore welter, opened the show by hammering out a win over Jerry Grey. 1,134 fans paid, a gross gate of, $2,510 to view proceedings.

The South Atlantic Association of the A. A. U. just completed its annual amateur tournament at the Baltimore Coliseum to select a team to represent this district in the A. A. U. national tourney at Boston. Here are the winners.

Open division—112 lb . . . Harry Bessick; 119, Morris Brown; 125, Tommy Curtis; 132, Sterling Leeper; 139, Herman Thompson; 147, Jimmy Mitchener; 156, Johnny Ford; 165, Don Mathews; 178, Al Bell and Heavyweight, Warenel Lester.

Ringside Athletic club won the team title, while Herman Thompson was named the outstanding open class boxer.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA

By Archie Pirolli

BOBBY JONES, 155, Oakland, Calif., registered an upset win by a split decision over Gil Turner, 151, Philadelphia, in a ten round bout here at the Arena. It was one of the most thrilling bouts held in anybody's ring this season. Jones, 29, making his first fight in Philly was the choice of the judges and referee Dav Beloff saw Turner the winner.

Jones' biggest rounds came in the fifth and eighth while Turner showed to advantage to make the tenth his best one.

Fred Terry, 149, stopped Ike White, 148, in the fourth round; Jose Morell, 134, stopped Aaron Tart, 135, in five rounds and Marty Feldman, 158, halted Ike Lewis, 160, in the second. Morell is a New Yorker, all other Philadelphians. Henry Clay, 142, beat James Arthur, 146, in six rounds, both Philadelphians.

Cambria results:—Johnny Cooke, 147, Germantown, avenged a previous loss when he defeated Emmy Tucci, 145, Philadelphia in an eight round return bout.

Chicken Rubin, 145, won a six-round decision over Earl Johnson, 153; in the semi-final. Jimmy Fadigan, 159, scored a TKO over Jimmy Spence, 159, in the first round; Jimmy Swiggard, 150, and Walt Kominiski, 152, went four rounds to a draw; Johnny Smith, 162, knocked out Ronnie Rinaldo, 160, in the second round. The above are all Philadelphians.

Carmen Bartolomeo, 142, unbeaten southpaw, scored his eighth consecutive victory over Charley Cummings, 149, Levittown, Pa., in a seven-round co-feature. Bartolomeo is from Philadelphia.

In the other seven-rounder, Tommy Kirk, Kensington slugger won his third straight victory since his release from the service when he defeated Johnny Ciccarelli, 149, Wilmington, Del., Kirk weighed 155.

PLAZA RESULTS:—Henry (Toothpick) Brown, 134, and Boland (The Butcher) Abrams, 135, blazed away eight rounds to a draw at the Plaza under the promotion of Jimmy Riggio. So close and furious was the battle of the two local boys that the fans cheered for fully ten minutes after the fight.

George LaMalza, 136, knocked out Leonard Moore, 135, a fellow Philadelphian in the first round. Mickey Rosati, 129, outpointed LeRoy Howard, 125, Tony Budwin, 140, defeated Bert Korn, 142, and Steve Dieski, 192, halted Dick Lee, 183, in the first round. All are Philadelphians, save Korn a New Yorker, and Lee from Wilkes-Barre.

BOXING IN PORTO RICO

By Mario Rivera Martino

BOXING made a grand reappearance in Puerto Rico after a two year lay-off when close to 3,000 fans paid approximately $5,000 to see the first show of the newly formed Continental Boxing Enterprise at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. The gate receipts are indicative enough of the great effort put forth by this new organization when you consider that they did better than at least four International Boxing Club presentations at Madison Square Garden in 1953 and also bettered attendance marks in THIRTEEN of the Garden shows also in the same year.

As far as the card itself was concerned the fans really got a run for their money. . . . The main event saw Francisco Colon Garcia, 128, score a six round kayo over Charlie DeBow, 123, New York. Debow displayed very little of anything. Charlie was dropped in the second by a left hook, was dropped again in the fifth and was finally stopped in the sixth by a blow to the stomach. Although he managed to get up before the count of ten the referee called a halt.

Eddie Williams of New York, 147, was kayoed at the hands of the inexperienced but more aggressive Juan Rios Fuentes, 147, . . . A corking right uppercut stretched Williams out flatter than a pancake, in the sixth. The fans were well pleased with Fuentes' sudden victory.

In six rounds, Efrain Santiago, 118, who was campaigning in New York as a featherweight, scored a close but not too popular decision over Pastor Casado, 118. . . . Casado dropped Santiago early in the first round. However Efrain dropped him for a no-count in the third and fought an uphill battle thereon to cop the decision. P. Santana, 120½ and Ramon Mendez, 116½, fought four hectic rounds to a draw.

In the opener, Luis Carmona New York, 126 outpunched Cruz Angel Hernandez, 124½, in four equally interesting rounds.

A special effort was made to get Nat Fleischer to come down for the inauguration but due to other commitments he was unable to some. . . .

BERMUDA BOXING NOTES

by Ron Oatway

A NEAR capacity crowd of more than 2,000 fans packed the new King's Stadium in Hamilton recently for the opening Island Boxing Association promoted fight card of the season.

The headliner, a 10-round heavyweight bout between former Bermuda heavy champ, Polly Smith, and Bob Isler, of New York, saw Smith gain a unanimous decision over the experienced Isler.

Smith showed fair form, but he was in trouble for the greater part of the bout.

In the semi-windup, a six round welterweight contest between Tommy Webb of Long Island, and Kid McCormick, of Bermuda, Webb pounded out a fifth round technical knockout over the Bermuda boy. McCormick disappointed his large following as he failed to show the form which ranked him high on the Press and Radio Association ratings last season.

An extra, added attraction, semi-final brought loud boos and catcalls from the crowd as Jimmy Piper, of Harlem, easily outpointed Tommy Richardson, of Brooklyn, in a six round welterweight contest. Richardson spent the better part of the six rounds trying to avoid being hit, and was completely outclassed.

Kid Armstrong, of Bermuda, knocked out Rubberneck Ming, of Bermuda, in the third.

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IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

THE boxing scene around the Windy City slowed up the past month due to the Golden Gloves Tournament, but several good professional shows were held at that. In the Golden Glove Tourney, Johnny Coulon entered an excellent team once again this year. Lee Moore, who represented the Coulon Gym won the Joe Louis Trophy.

Talking about yesteryear, your correspondent had an occasion to have a long talk the other day with Johnny Coulon. It seemed to remind me of so many great things that have happened in boxing these past twenty-five years. Johnny, who only weighed 102 pounds most of his fighting career, had an uncanny way of defeating his usually taller and heavier opponents. Says Johnny, "I not only had to outspeed the other fellow, outsmart him, but outslug him." Those who can remember little Johnny Coulon will say that he certainly did all of these things. After looking over the very large scrap-book Johnny produced, and this took only five hours, I became very proud and happy to have spent the time with this great little fellow who wore the bantamweight crown from 1908 to 1914.

Harold Johnson, the number one light-heavyweight contender, came very close to losing his top rating, when he was knocked down for a nine count in his bout with Paul Andrews, 179, Buffalo, N.Y., in the feature bout at the Chicago Stadium. The lanky Buffalo lad connected with a terrific left hook to Johnson's jaw, spilling him to the canvas in the first round. It looked like an upset was in the making at this point. But it was Johnson who proved the better puncher throughout the next nine rounds. Johnson connected with many hard right hand shots to the jaw in almost every round. Though the punches hurt Andrews, he kept his feet and finished the ten rounds a weary fighter. The decision was split by the three officials. Referee Frank Gilmer voted 94 to 90 for Harold Johnson, while Judge Frank McAdams cast his card 93 to 93 a draw. The other judge, John Bray cast the deciding vote for Johnson 95 to 88. The bout proved interesting as Andrews tried to outbox his shorter foe, but it was Johnson who appeared the better ring general most of the way.

Spider Webb, 159, Los Angeles, stopped Bobby Boyd, 159, Chicago, in the sixth round. Al Hogan, 170, Toronto, Canada, kayoed Stanley Mylinski, 172, Chicago, in the fifth round. Mylinski was unable to come out for the fifth round. Bennie Thomas, 185, Chicago, beat Alec Brown, 198, Pittsburgh, in a hard fought six rounder. Ron Stribling, 131½, Cedar Rapids, outpointed Dick Powell, 127, Chicago, in a fast six round affair.

Correction: In the April issue of The Ring, yours truly had Johnny Brown, and Dick Powell advertised as being booked by this writer. This was in error. Both boys are under the management of Julius Rosengard, of Chicago.

Gus Chukas, 1952 novice middleweight Golden Glove champion, now in serious training at Coulon's Club for coming pro bouts, looks very good and should do well in the money ranks. Chukas was a protege of Tony Zale, former middleweight champion of the world, while in the amateurs.

The 11th annual 1st ward boxing show at the Coliseum Arena was well attended and an action packed card of bouts was well enjoyed by the fans. In the eight round feature, Tommy Maddox, 140½, Chicago, stopped Carl Stafford, 142, also of Chicago, in the sixth round.

Johnny Gray, Frankie Tomaso's pleasing heavyweight, knocked out Jesse Layne, in one round. Dick Brewer beat Jess Humphrey in four, and Dick Guerra outpointed Jesse Gray in six rounds. Danny Lullo beat Jimmy James in six.

Making his first start in Chicago since being stopped by Joe Miceli, Wes Echols, San Francisco middleweight, punched out a ten round decision over Cyril Kelly, 155, Chicago, in the featured event at Rainbo Arena. Kelly, looking much improved, staggered Echols in the first round with a two fisted attack. Echols came back in the later rounds with heavy guns. In the sixth and seventh it was all Echols, and in the eighth, Kelly was hit with three right hand shots to the jaw dropping him to the canvas. Echols was cut badly over both eyes at the finish. The bout pleased the fans all the way.

Ray Jefferson, 134, Chicago, scored a fast knockout over Billy Morgan, 133, Battle Creek, Mich., in the first round. Lloyd Triplett, 165, Milwaukee, beat Fonseca Cox, 167, St. Louis, in five close rounds. Bobby Brown, 152, Chicago, won in five over George James, 151, Chicago, and Pete Kawala, 133, Chicago, outpointed Willie Dillon, 135, Benton Harbor, in four rounds.

Carl "Bobo" Olson, the World's middleweight champion, boxed a four round exhibition on the card. He went two rounds with Maurice Harper and two with Bull Halsey. Despite this, only 639 fans attended the show for a gross gate of $992.84.

Rainbo Arena: Looking much improved, Ron Stribling, Cedar Rapids featherweight, at 134, won an eight round decision over Jimmy Savala, 138, Madera, Calif., in a featured event at Rainbo Arena. There were no knockdowns, but Stribling kept his more experienced foe off balance with left jabs most of the way. The decision was unanimous.

Russell Tague, 137, Edridge, Ia., beat Tommy Flores, 137, San Francisco, in six rounds. Carlo Sarlo, 146, Chicago, won over Pete Washington, 146, Chicago, in a hard fought five spot. John Hobbs, 143, Chicago knocked out James Scott, 141, in the opening round. Pete Kawula, 130, Ontario, won over Ed Rawlings, 135, in four fast rounds.

Tony Zale, former middleweight boxing champion, looking fit at 167 pounds, and is thinking of doing a tour of exhibitions, refereeing, speaking engagements, etc. Tony, after undergoing an operation on his arm, feels ready for this new venture in the game.

Remember, your writer is always ready to give a helping hand to interested parties in boxing. I may be contacted days at Johnny Coulon's Club, 1154 East 63rd Street, phone, Plaza 2-9890; and home, at 1006 West Dakin Street, phone, Lake View 5-1723, Chicago.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

JOHNNY EUBANKS, undefeated Pittsburgh welterweight, hammered out a ten-round decision over the veteran Jesse Underwood of Detroit at a show staged in the Royal Ballroom at Wilkinsburg. The show drew less than 500 and gate receipts of $1282.

Emil Brtko, 185, North Side, stopped Jimmy Moore, 179, Altoona, in the fourth; Kid Chocolate, 148, Conemaugh, kayoed Norman Tucker, 142, Rankin, in the fifth; Clem LaCava, 126, Sharpsburg, stopped Jim Striley, 124, Pittsburgh (2); Billy Allman, 161, East Liberty, stopped Hala Jacobs, 155, Pittsburgh in the second.

Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, Ohio, middleweight contender, blasted out a six-round kayo over Phil Rizzo, of Brooklyn, in an excellent show at Akron. This marked the ninth straight win for Rocky.

Ted Tanglis, 147, Cleveland, outpointed Davey Miles, 144, Akron, in six. Cal Nathan, 147, Akron, belted out a four round decision over Earl Batie, of Warren, 151. In the second main event of the evening, Ronnie Delaney, 151, Akron, drew with Jimmy Welsh, 151, Columbus.

Once again back at the Ballroom near Pittsburgh and this time it was Floyd Morris, 169, who squeaked by a tight ten-round decision win over Bill Tisdale, 166, of Detroit. The verdict caused the fans to roar their disapproval and paper cups and several chairs were tossed into the ring. The show drew only 398 paying customers.

Emil Brtko, Northside, 186, stopped Art Everett, Duquesne, 175, in the fourth. Jimmy Grover, Hazelwood, 161, kayoed Jack Jennings, Altoona, 169, 4th. Clem LaCava, Sharpsburg, 136, beat Eddie Page in a four rounder, and Andy Strong, 165, Rankin, whipped Tony Filipiak, Bloomfield, 168, 4.

Akron had a good crowd of close to 3,000 fans witness a slam-bang brawl at the Armory between Akron's Ronnie Delaney and Jimmy Welch of Columbus. Delaney got the close decision. In the main bout Sandy Saddler, featherweight champion, chalked up a kayo against Charlie Slaughter, of Boston, in the fourth round. Chuck Higgins, 161, Youngstown, stiffened Billy Sims, 159, of Detroit, in the fifth. Eddie Crawford, 128, Akron, outpointed Jessie Rodriques, 127, Warren; Ted Tanglis, 148, Cleveland, stopped Tommy Perez, 147, Toledo, in the first; Guido Pieconne, 154, Canton, drew with Davey Miles.

TEN SECOND SHOTS: Joe Perrone, boxing promoter of Steubenville, Ohio, reports that he has a fine heavyweight in Herbert Hair. The six foot, three inch, 185-pound Negro lad has copped two West Virginia Golden Gloves tournaments and holds the State title. Joe is grooming Hair for a heavy action this summer and then will turn him pro. . . . Don Eagle whipped Oyama Kato before 2,000 fans at Struthers, Ohio. . . . At the Pittsburgh Gardens, Big Bill Miller used his "backbreaker" to beat Jack Pesek before 4,000 fans. . . . Pittsburgh's star amateurs won New York Golden Gloves titles. Reybon Stubbs copped the welterweight crown and Johnny Morris won the middleweight title.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

THE BILL reducing the amusement tax on boxing has just been passed in the Philippine Congress and now it is up to the Senate to approve it. The Bill was fathered by Congressman Serafin Salvador, of the Second District of Rizal province, who had been a boxing fan since his boyhood. Congressman Salvador was highly commended by all sports editors of the metropolitan dailies of Manila. Chairman Manuel Nieto, Jr. had a big hand in the passing of the Bill.

Tanny Campo, bantamweight champion of the country, became the Oriental flyweight champion by stopping Taffy Hancock, flyweight champion of Australia in the 11th round of a scheduled 12 round main event at the Grace Park Stadium. Tanny proved too fast for the slow moving Australian champion. Taffy was tough and strong but found most of his punches in the wind. In the 7th round Taffy inflicted a cut over Tanny's left eye but failed to follow up his advantage. In the 11th round, after a hot exchange, Taffy was found bleeding with a big cut below his left eye. After examination by the stadium physician the bout ended with the little Filipino winner by the knockout.

Rene Cruz, 112, kayoed Midget Louis, 115, in the 8th round. The fight was on even terms until the 8th when two rights and a left to the chin sent Louis reeling to the ropes, forcing his second to throw in the sponge. Ric. Sanchez, 118, stopped Agno River Boy in the 6th round by inflicting a big cut over the left eye. Rudy Alcantara, 115, easily won over Fighting Gorio, 112, in 6 rounds. Vic Campo, 107, won over Plaza Boy, 110, in a 4 rounder.

Terry Blacker, 20, defeated Young Rosal, 118, in a 8 round main event at Nasugbu, Batangas, under the promotion of C. Enriquez. Strong Sorsogon, 140, outpointed Joe Protacio, 140, in a 6 round semifinal. Lorry Antonio, 126, outboxed Terry Ubaldo, 125, in a 6 rounder. Young Narding, 120, outscored Terrible Andy, 116, in a 4 rounder. Rudy Kawaianos, 107, beat Tito Agueirre, 108, in four. Little Castro, 100, and Clodo Andaya, 96, fought in even terms in a 4 rounder.

Young Pastrera, 127, defeated Celso del Rosario, 127, in 8 rounds in Bago, Negros Occidental. Star Mortoc, 118, drew with Vida Romero, 118, in 6 rounds. Nursery Kid, 118, won over Tuffy La Paz, 118, via the knockout route in the 4th round. Arti Sta. Maria, 116, kayoed Clever Luman gal, 116, in the 2nd round. Little Raytranco, 116, beat Vida Romero Jr., 113, in a 4 rounder.

Villeza Villa, 116, Cabanatuan City, kayoed Joe Balbuena, 117, in the 3rd round at Cabanatuan stadium, Kid Aske, 120, disposed of Kid Antonio, 121, in the 3rd. Freddie Balbuena, 112, defeated Frisco Eugenio, 112.

Star Bringuela, 142, former lightweight champion of the Philippines, outpointed Joe Smith, 145, of New York, in a 10 round main event at Zamboanga City. A belt donated by Zamboanga Lions was awarded to the winner by Brig. Gen. William Lee, vice-commander of the 13th Air Force. Baby Independence, 112, won over Danny del Campo, 111, in 8 rounds, Johnny Labay, 112, drew with Baby Alexander, 112, in six. Eddy Boy, 116, defeated Al Espina, 116, in six. Rocky Ongco, 110, kayoed Baby Ormoc, 110, in the second.

Tommy Romulo, leading contender for the lightweight championship of the Philippines, knocked out Star Naven, 135, in the 4th round at Ozamis City. Fred Murillo, 166, kayoed Flashy Fabian, 115, in the 4th round.

Alfredo Barretto, 123, and Nestor Reyes, 122, drew in the 10 round main event in Grace Park. Baby Gony, 124, won over Bert Gonzales, 118, in another 10 rounder. Little Ibanez, 120, kayoed Joe Mendez in the 3rd round. Montalban Kid, 119, and Young Elino, 123, drew in 6 rounds. Blackie Robinson, 105, badly outpointed Little Raytranco, 108, in 4 rounds. Young Rosenberg, 113, beat Billy Sullivan, 119, in four. Mario Manuel, 116, kayode Baby Martinez, 114, in the second.

Tenejeros Boy, 135, won over Dommy Roxas, 136, in a 10 rounder in Ligaya stadium, Binan, Laguna, for the benefit of the La Paz Parent-Teachers' Ass'n. Roxas, who substituted for Rinty Galauran with a three day notice, gave a good account of himself. Heavily favored Baby Naven, 120, of the Philippine Army, was kayoed in the 4th round by Young Eddie, 118. Rudy Alcantara, 114, disposed of Ric Ricuerdo, 113, in the 5th round. Vic Ocampo, 108, Tanny's kid brother, lost to Anong Junior, 108, in 6 rounds. Fighting Sally, 118, and Young Naven, 118, drew in a 4 rounder. Young Berning, 115, stopped Young Perez, 116, in the first round.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

THE non-aggression agreement between the two matchmakers of Torreón, came to an end, when both arenas carried out their programs on the same date, March 9. Mateos & Lespron, staged their fight program at the same hour and on the same night as Abbie Jaik, who had his at the Bullring.

Results during the month, were as follows:

Club Olímpico, Durango:—Tomas Castillo, from Mexico City, 128, easily defeated Salvador "Kid" Mares, 132, in 10 rounds. Alfonso Flores, 143, decisioned hard-hitting Manuel "The Bull" Rocha, 146, in 10 furious rounds.

Arena "Obrero", Torreón:—Jorge Valverde, 119, sensationally KO'd veteran Tommy Vázquez, 118, in two rounds. Valverde, demonstrated why Mr. Fleischer called him the best prospect of THE RING for March. Another real good prospect, also from Torreón, Pedro Piña, 128, put tough Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 130, to sleep in five rounds. Cisco Kid (Francisco Pérez), 147, TKO'd Roberto Martínez, 146, in 7 rounds.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—César (Chino) Saavedra, 128, one of the local top fighters, knocked out Tacho Martínez, 125, in six rounds. Baby Luna (Juan Manuel Luna), 123, was too tough for Felipe Sosa, 126, and won an easy decision in 10 rounds. Luis Uribe, 133, bested Pablo Lugo, 132, in eight.

Club Olímpico, Durango:—Angel Aldama, 125, put Baby Cruz, 124, to sleep in four. Héctor García, 130, did the same to Luis Olivas, 133, in 3, and Zurdo Sarabia, 128, outpointed Joe Davis, 126, in 8.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—Lucio (Borrachito) González, 117, bantamweight champion of La Laguna, clearly decisioned Félix (Firpito) Gaytán, 115, in 10. Manolo Ramírez, 116, won over Serapio (Sapito) Jiménez, 115, when the latter was disqualified in the first, for butting. Young welterweight prospect, Arturo (Chale) Carrillo, 146, surprisingly won over veteran Canelo Kid (Eduardo Rodríguez), 146, in ten rounds.

Club Olímpico, Durango:—Angel Aldama, 124, technically knocked out veteran Pepe Montes, 128, from Mexico City, in 6 rounds. Manuel "The Bull" Rocha, 145, scored a sensational KO in the first round over Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 136.

Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—César (Chino) Saavedra, 129, clearly won in 10 over Moy Torres, 128, Mexico City, but the judges declared this fight a draw. Tránsito Ramírez, 128, one of the best featherweights of the region, won an easy decision over Felipe Sosa, 127, in 10 rounds. In another ten-rounder, Luis Uribe, 131, outpointed Rafael Vázquez.

Puebla—Famous veteran Kid Azteca (Luis Villanueval), former welterweight champion of Mexico, continued winning during the month. He sent Jesse Robles, 154, to sleep in five rounds, and later knocked out Carlos Martinez, 153, in Vera Cruz in 5 rounds.

IN BANGKOK, THAILAND
By H. D. Koslowski

WARMING-UP for his shot at Jimmy Carruthers title, on May 2, Chamrern Songkitrat disposed of Kevin JAMES the No. 1 Contender for the Australian Bantam title, by winning on a KO at the beginning of the 6th round. Chamrern found it very difficult to land his solid right on account of James' long reach and also because Kevin is a southpaw. Up to the fifth round the fight was fairly even. Early in the 6th, Chamrern landed a left straight to the stomach and followed up with a short right to the head which was enough for James who went down for a count of 10 and had to be carried-out of the ring on a stretcher.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

FEDERICO PLUMMER, 130, of Panama outclassed Charley Riley of St. Louis, 129½, in nine of the ten rounds of their bout at Arena Colon. He decked Riley in the opening round and hurt his right hand which was useless thereafter.

Rudolfo Francis (Beau Jack formerly), knocked out Leslie Thompson in 40 seconds of the fourth round. Francis, 123½, placed his blows in the right spot.

Steven Bennett, 124, won a split decision over Al Steward, 124; Justin Ortego, 133½, scored a fourth round KO over Baby Austin.

Enrique Martin was the promoter. About 2000 fans paid $2795 to see the show.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By J. A. Vieites

HAVANA: Before a "house" that paid $630.60, Enrique Lamelas, 125¼, fought a draw in 10, with Mexico's Trini Ruiz, 127. In my opinion Lamelas deserved the nod.

Rolando La Plancha, 140, drew, also in 10, with Armando Martinez, 138; Isidro Zaldivar, 125, drew also in 10, with Mexican Baby Azteca, same weight.

Rollie Becker, 138, stopped Orlando González, 138½, in 4, and José Alvarez, 154, stopped Julián Echevarría, 157, in 2.

Havana: Before a house that paid $864.70, Armando López, 133, reappeared after having one finger amputated, and won as he pleased in 10, from George "Little" Seabrook, 131¾.

Promising Julio Mederos, 190½, won impressibly in ten also from Bob Willis, 180½.

Newcomer Inocente (Kid Yayo) Ruiz, 126, won in ten from veteran Juan (Baby Face) Medina, 125¾.

Armando Baragaño, 134, won in four from Iraudi Prior, 131, and Carlos Gutiérrez, 126½, won in 4 from Felix Pomares, 125¼.

Cárdenas: Félix García, made quite an impression on local fans, stopping Pedro Calderón in three rounds. Both are featherweights.

In the eight rounder semi final, light heavyweights, Miguel Nápoles and Cecilio Valdés fought a fast, close battle that had the fans on their feet more than once, and the decision, of the split variety, finally went to Valdés.

Havana: Cuban welterweight champion, Jesús (Chico) Varona, 149¾, and Joe Shaw, 154½, fought a close, savage battle for three rounds. Varona won the first as he pleased, the second was a close one, and Shaw finally came through in the third when he punished Varona badly. In the fourth Shaw thought he had Varona's number, but mistaken he was. He started to clown. Varona waited for him and when he was close enough he caught Shaw with a terrible right hook to the chin. Shaw was counted out in 30 seconds of round four. The Shaw show, drew $3,029.20.

Orlando Castillo rated by The RING, among the world's best bantams, won ten out of ten from Mexican Trini Ruiz, who came in at 124½.

Orlando Rodríguez, 114½, won in a good sixer from Miguel Lazú, 118.

Regino Bravo, 150, stopped Angel Gómez, 148¼, in one, and Angel Gómez, 126½, stopped Bernardo Rosales, 129½, in 2.

Havana: Santiago (Sandy) Martínez, 125¾, scored a good victory, when he stopped Harry Smith, 127, in the seventh of a scheduled tenner. Sandy looked very good, and Smith very valiant.

Matias Fenoy, 146, Spain, stopped Félix Samada, 147, in the third of another tenner. Félix García, 134½, won from Orlando Gonzáles, 134, in a six rounder.

Nilo Blando, 136½, stopped Pablo Sánchez, 134, in one, Rubén Ché, 122½, won in four from Carlos Gutiérrez, 126. Gross Gate: $1,006.20.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

Marcelino Peña, 138, stopped Gallito Gonzalez, 136, in eight. Juanito Martinez, 134, decisioned Jesse de Hoyos, 133, in ten.

Tomas Castillo, 126, decisioned Kid Anahuac, 125, in ten. Beto Carbajal, 133, decisioned Rudy de Hoyos, 133, in ten.

Raton Macias, 119, stopped Billy Peacock, 116, in seven. Jose Lopez, 118, decisioned Raul Solis, 118, in ten.

Julio Escobedo, 128, decisioned Arturo Vazquez, 129, in ten. Mario de Leon, 114, decisioned Martin Morales, 119, in ten.

Jess Mongia, 118, from California, decisioned Emilio de la Rosa, 120, in ten. Jess Robles, 148, decisioned Babe Ruelas, 142, in ten.

Lino Botello, 119, decisioned Memo Sanchez, 118, in ten. Enrique Ortiz, 135, decisioned Jose Galicia, 132, in ten.

Babe Vazquez, 131, decisioned Babe Ortiz, 130, in ten. Ortiz is Mexico's featherweight champion and ranked second by THE RING. The fight was not for the title and out of weight.

Enrique Esqueda, 133, decisioned Beto Carbajal, 133, in ten.

Zurdo Carrillo, 125, got a decision over Martin Rodriguez, 124, from Cuba, by disqualification, in six. Manuel Rodriguez, 120, stopped Baby Alvarez, 121, in five.

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

DON COCKELL, British Empire heavyweight champion and Roland La Starza, American heavyweight who recently was halted by Rocky Marciano in a world title bout, gave British boxing the shot in the arm it needed when they engaged in an international contest at Earl's Court staged by Jack Solomons, and played to a near capacity gathering of more than 18,000 persons. What pleased the crowd most was the fact that at the end of ten rounds of tough battling, Cockell emerged the victor.

Referee Henderson rendered the verdict that set Jimmy De Angelo, manager of La Starza and Roland into a rage as they protested bitterly to both the official and to J. Onslow Fane, president of the British Boxing Board of Control that the American should have been declared the winner. The same opinion was voiced vociferously by Bill Heinz and Barney Nagler, two American newspapermen who were at the ringside, but so far as the British were concerned, the verdict was a just one.

Had La Starza fought in the early rounds as he did in the last two, he undoubtedly would have won but he permitted Cockell to roll up points prior to Roland's fine rally, and that's what counted in the long run.

The scenes in the dressing room of the American were of high voltage. De Angelo screeched that it was the worst decision he had ever heard of and that no fighter of prominence of the United States should risk his standing against such verdicts in the future. But La Starza hit the nail on the head when he remarked:

"It's my own fault. I should have knocked the guy out. I started too late. But I'm positive I won the fight."

De Angelo, on the other hand, protested that Henderson called four fouls on Cockell yet didn't penalize him despite the fact, as De Angelo put it, "he warned us that a foul would cost La Starza the fight. My boy was fouled often and if for no other reason, Roland should have been declared the winner," wound up De Angelo.

The Associated Press had Cockell the winner, 5-4-1, and the United Press and I also had him ahead. In my opinion, Cockell definitely won the fight because of La Starza's late start.

It was the eighth straight victory for the roly-poly Britisher since he was knocked out in eleven rounds by Randy Turpin on June 10, 1952 in a battle for the British Empire light heavyweight crown.

Cockell ballooned to super-heavyweight size after that defeat and he weighed 211 to La Starza's 189½ for this fight.

La Starza's big rounds were the fourth and tenth.

In the fourth, shortly after Cockell was warned for hitting low, Don counted with two straight lefts. La Starza rushed his tubby foe and connected with a flurry of lefts and rights to the head. Cockell was rocked to the ropes just before the round ended.

Boxing beautifully, the college-educated American dominated the early part of the fight. He slipped Cockell's punches deftly and scored points with a stabbing left jab and nifty left-right combinations although he bled from the nose in the second round.

In the fifth, Cockell switched tactics and turned the tide. Instead of throwing his wild, roundhouse rights, he turned boxer himself. He counted neatly with left jabs with an occasional right.

Cockell outpunched La Starza in the sixth and seventh rounds for narrow margins and in the eighth he shook up the American with a hard left to the head and a powerful uppercut. Don won the ninth by a shade.

In the last two rounds, they fought every inch of the way, with LaStarza scoring with his two-handed body punching, forced Cockell to hold on, till the referee ordered them to break. It was anyone's fight coming up for the final round with the excited crowd cheering them on. The final bell sounded with both fighters still battling away. Cockell, attempted to walk to his corner but The American, evidently not hearing the gong, kept punching until the referee put his arm around his head to make him realize that the bout was ended.

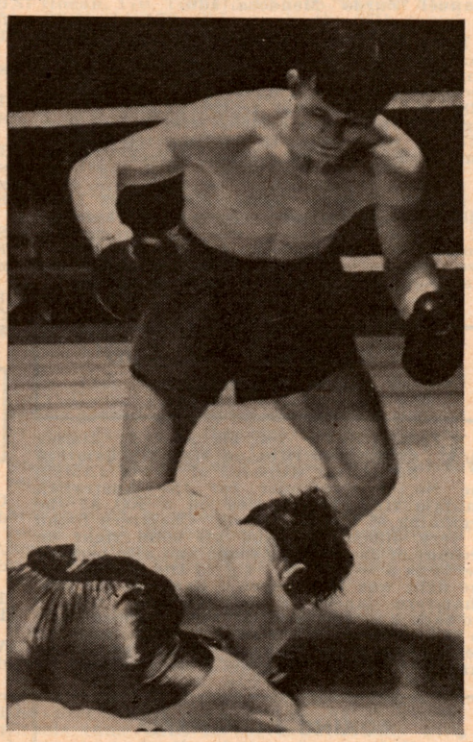
Silence, then cheers rang out when the referee walked to Cockell and raised his hand as the winner. On my card, Cockell was a narrow points winner.

Randy Turpin, a shadow of his former self, defeated Olle Benstsson, middleweight champion of Sweden in a listless contest of 10 rounds. Randy was a keen disappointment.

Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, 167¾, can consider himself lucky to receive the decision over Ivano Fontana, Italy, 174¼, in their 10 round contest. Eddie Hearn, Battersea, knocked out Fred Jackson, Custom House, in the third of a heavyweight bout. Ron Harman, Brighton, outpointed Joe Crickmar. Stepney, over six rounds of a heavyweight bout. Terrance Murphy, Canning Town, stopped Rocco King, Askern, in the second round of a middleweight contest. Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, stopped Terry O'Connor, Ireland, in the third of a heavyweight bout. Pat McCoy, Galway, outpointed Malcolm Ames, Croydon, in a hard hitting, full of action lightweight bout. The ringsiders showed their approval of a glorious scrap by throwing money into the ring for the two gladiators.

LEYTON.—Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, won the right to meet Brian Anders for The Southern Area Cruiserweight Title, when he outpointed Tony Lord, Lowestoft, in ten rounds of the final eliminating bout. Bernie Newcombe, Dagenham, outpointed Tommy O'Neill, Salford, in eight rounds of a welterweight bout. Charlie Page, Stepney, stopped Johnny Broadbent, Bethnal Green, in the third. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, is a young welterweight with a bright future. He scored a knockout over Vic Auguste, Trinidad, with a left hook to the body, in the first. Len Wilson, Dagenham, outpointed Les Innes, Notting Hall, in six. Don Sleet, Leyton, outpointed Terry Stannard, Chingford, in six.

CROYDON.—Peter Waterman, Battersea, stopped Pat Gutteridge, Bow, in the third round of a welterweight contest when the latter received a badly cut eye. Bob Cleaver, Attleborough, outpointed Ron Pudney, Croydon, in eight. Alec Gurton, Dagenham, outpointed Jack Hughes, Ireland, in six. Del Breen, Croydon, and Fred Balio, Gold Coast, drew over six rounds. Tony Barrett, Pimlico, outpointed George Greenwood, Dagenham, in six.



Johnny Sullivan, British middleweight who campaigned for several months in the United States and Canada late in 1952, is on his way to a British Empire title shot with Randy Turpin. Sullivan, who has been going strong since returning to his native land, is shown stopping Gordon Hazell, who was forced to retire in the twelfth. Hazell was leading for nine rounds, but couldn't hold off Sullivan's sensational drive in the last three sessions.

BELFAST.—A crowd of 20,000 at the spacious Kings Hall, saw their idol, John Kelly, European Bantamweight Champion, 117½, lose his title to the French-Algerian, Robert Cohen, 117¾, in the third round. Kelly, who has never fought as a professional outside of his native Belfast, held his own in the first round. But what a difference in the second round, when the fiery Frenchman threw all kinds of punches into the overwhelmed Kelly. The Irish lad took counts of four-seven-six and nine, before the bell came to his assistance. He was dragged to his corner at the end of the second round and was sent out to take the coup de grace, for within thirty seconds of the third round, Referee Antonio Gilardi, of Italy, was counting the gallant Irish lad out.

Bunty Adamson, Belfast, 145½, won his eliminating contest for the welterweight title, when he outpointed Eddie Thomas of Wales, 145¾, over twelve rounds.

In other bouts on the Belfast Programme, Al Sharpe, Belfast, 138, outpointed Roy McGregor, Glasgow, 138½, in eight for the second time in the month. Joe Quinn, Belfast, 124¾, knocked out John Griffen, Belfast, 123¾, in the third. Jackie Mitchell, Belfast, 160½, stopped the tough Gene Szczap, Brighton, 163, in the fifth of a gruelling contest. George Lavery, Belfast, 154¾, outpointed Brian Coxhead, New Longton, 160, in six. Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 112, outpointed Jim Loughrey, Derry, 110½, in four.

National Sporting Club.—Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 134¾, won the lightweight competition, when he stopped Len Wilson, Dagenham, 132½, in the second. Andy Baird Birmingham, 135¼, stopped Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 140, in the third. Derek Davis, Camberwell, 145¼, knocked out Bob Batey, Newcastle, 144¾, in the second. Terry Murphy, Hoxton, 138, stopped Arthur Sullivan, Camberwell, 140¾, in the fifth of an exciting and gruelling bout. Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 177, knocked out Ray Davis, Bath, 174½, in the fourth. Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 115½, a southpaw, stopped Harold Clarke, Bow, 117¾, in the fourth, when the latter received a badly cut eye.

GREAT YARMOUTH. — Laurie Davies, Nigeria, 141½, gained a narrow points win over Eric Davies, Stourbridge, 146½, in eight. Glyn Evans, Doncaster, 130¼, outpointed Pat McCoy, Galway Bay, 127¼, in eight. Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 136¼, outpointed Tony Brazil, Brighton, 138, in six. George Adams, Beccles, 161, was declared a points winner over Fred Balio, West Africa, 158¾, in six. Johnny Finnigan, Manchester, 147½, stopped Vic Auguste, Trinidad, 145½, in the second. Jimmy Carter, Great Yarmouth, 149½, outpointed Jimmy Matchem, Folkestone, 146, in six.

CAMBERWELL.—Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 127, was a clear points winner over Ken Lawrence, Southampton, 126¾, over eight rounds. Claude Dennington, Peckham, 136¾, did well in his comeback, to hold Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, 137, to a draw, in eight. Freddie Reardon, Downham, 132¼, outpointed Laurie McShane, Glasgow, 130¾, in eight. Percy Lewis, Trinidad, 124½, stopped Tommy McCormac, Ayr, 131, in the second. Danny Gill, Bethnal Green, 147¼, outpointed Ron Kensington, Tooting, 149, in six. George Dougan, Greenock, 123¾, stopped Arthur Hatt, Dagenham, 123¾, in the fourth.

BEDWORTH.—Les Allen, Bedworth, 160, had to travel the full eight rounds to gain a points win over Jack Johnson Coffie, West Africa, 157¾. George Weston, Bedworth, 143½, stopped Eddie King, West Africa, 152, in the sixth. Frank Raven, Leamington, 176, outpointed Joe Odeyemi, West Africa, 168, in eight. Colin Barber, Burton, 118½, outpointed Billy Gibson, Doncaster, 117½, in six.

NEWCASTLE. — Johnny Miller, North Shields, 136¼, outpointed Dai Davies, Skewen, 139, in eight. Vincent O'Kine, Gold Coast, 149¾, outpointed Jackie Braddock, Manchester, 152¾, in a hard hitting eight round bout. Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 149½, outpointed Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 148, in eight.

WALSALL.—Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 141¼, maintained his unbeaten record, when he knocked out Harold Palmer, Doncaster, 150½, in the third. Johnny Carrington, Nottingham, 142, stopped Ted Ansell, Liverpool, 140, in

the second. Eric Skidmore, 150, Wednesbury, and Jimmy Stimpson, Tipton, 143¾, fought eight rounds to a draw. Phillip Edwards, Cardiff, 143½, drew with Jimmy Brogden, Manchester, 150½, in six. Ken Greasley, Derby, 147, outpointed Jack Lewis, Manchester, 145, in six. Stan Underhill, Birmingham, 134, was awarded a points win over Andy Lambert, Manchester, 131¾, over six rounds.

SEYMOUR HALL, LONDON.—Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 148, fought the best bout of his career to gain a clear win over the classy Frenchman, Jaques Prigent, 144½, in eight rounds. Harry Ramsden, Brixton, 128, was declared the loser by the narrowest of margins, against Freddie King, Wandsworth, 127½, after eight rounds. Les Morgan, Acton, 147½, made his debut, in the professional ranks with a four round victory over Johnny Hunt, Northampton, 142½, Hunt was outclassed, and the referee intervened in Morgan's favor. Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 199, outpointed Dinny Powell, Walworth, 187, in six. Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 173, knocked out Alf Price, Worcester, 180½, in the first. Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 141¼, outpointed Charlie Page, Stepney, 141, in six.

DUNDEE.—Jimmy Croll, the promising Dundee Welterweight, 148¼, gained a narrow points win over Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, 149, over 10 rounds. Johnny Kenny, Glasgow, 130, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 130, in six. Peter Cain, Dundee, 158¼, knocked out Peter Regan, Huddersfield, 158, in the fourth. Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 150 stopped Ernie Vickers, Middlesboro, 149, in the fifth. Chic Brogan, Clydebank, 126, gained a points win over Billy Taylor, Stirling, 120¾, in a hard fought eight round contest.

BLACKPOOL. — Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 127, won a scrambling eight round bout on points against Billy Ashcroft, Wigan, 128. Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 135½, reversed a previous points defeat by Willie Lloyd, Brecon 137½, when he outpointed the latter in a fast six. Bob Skinkiss, Manchester, 116, stopped Bobby Moffatt, Preston, 114, in the third. Jim Chadwick, Wigan, 112, outpointed Pete Holberg, Grimsby, 112½, in six. Ron Hornsby, Mold, 113½, knocked out Tony Ross, Atherton, 121½, in the third.

BELFAST.—Des Lennon, Banbridge 138¾, forced Tommy Rushfirth, Leeds, 138¾, to retire in the fifth. Syd Charles, Bolton, 114½, was awarded a points decision against Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 112, in eight. Eddie McNally, Portadown, 128¼, stopped Jim Feeney, Bambridge, 129, in 10 seconds of the first round. Sam Thomson, Belfast, 143¾, outpointed Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool 140, in eight. Alex McAlister, Belfast, 155¼, outpointed Billy McKee, Bangor, 157½, in six.

WEMBLEY.—Johnny Read, Norwood, 161, can consider himself lucky to receive the decision against Rocco King, Askern, 163, at the end of their eight round contest. Clem A'Court, Morden, 119½, outpointed Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 120, in their return bout over eight rounds. Kevin Duffy, Hillingdon 138¼, stopped Jack Coffi, Gold Coast, 140, in the third. Ken Gains, Islington, 159½, outpointed Alex Gurton, Blackmore, 160½, in six. Joe Brennan, Bow, 124½, outpointed Tommy Gillen, Hayes, 124¾, in a thrilling six round contest. Peter East, Southall, 120½, stopped Jimmy Frew, Watford, 123¼, in the sixth.

HANLEY.—Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 127¾, scored a sensational knock out win over Jackie Turpin, Leamington, 128, in a featherweight bout. The K.O. came in the sixth of a hard fought bout.

Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 196¼, former amateur heavyweight champion made an impressive debut in the professional ranks with a second round knockout win over Alf Price, Worcester, 183. Larry Parkes, Hanley, 158, knocked out Ernie Maitland, Doncaster, 160, in the second. Peter Bate, Sheffield, 192¾, defeated Bob Gardner, Market Harborough, 196¾, in the fifth, when the latter was ruled out for persistent holding. Les Garbett, Canock, 147, outpointed Jack Lewis, Manchester, 143½, in six. Dennis Cotton, Stafford, 138, outpointed Ray Lang, Oldham, 137, in six.

SPALDING.—The sixteen year old Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 130, showed class for one so young, when he mastered the tough Gerald Futter, Lincoln, 130, for after a creditable display of boxing knowledge, stopping him with a short right to the chin in the fifth round. Roy Alway, Halifax, 141½, showed plenty of courage in his bout with Ken Greasley, Derby, 147, ex coal board champion. He took five counts in the eight rounds, and it was surprising, that the referee did not call a halt earlier in the bout to save a game lad unnecessary punishment. Ken Lavender, Whittlesey, 160, knocked out Jerry Ireland, Nottingham, 164, in the second. Wally Patch, Grantham, 157, outpointed Jack Guyatt, Nottingham, 149, in six.

LIVERPOOL. — Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 159½, improves with every bout. In his 20th bout as a professional, he scored a splendid K.O. win at the expense of the seasoned George Dilkes, South Elmsall, 160¾, in the eighth round. A sure fire match that will pack the Stadium, is Pat against his local rival, Billy Ellaway, who is also making strides in the middleweight division. Bola Lawal, Nigeria, 134, stopped Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 139, in the fifth. Andy Lambert, Manchester, 131, stopped Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 133, in the fourth. Andy Monaghan, Southport, 130, stopped Matty Campbell, Birkenhead, 128, in the second.

MANCHESTER.—Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 157, pulled out a sensational win over Gordon Hazell, Bristol, 157¼, when he unleashed a right to the jaw of the Bristolian in the tenth round, from then on, it was a matter of how much the latter could take, and within less than two minutes of the last gong in the 12th round, Hazell walked to the ropes and waved that he could take no more, leaving Sullivan the winner of a thrilling bout, in which he was well behind on points.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 160, scored a convincing points win over Billy Ellaway, Birkenhead, 157¾, in a thrilling eight round contest. Dave Williams, Barry, 173, defeated Johnny Barton, Lancaster, 173½, in a hard hitting eight round contest. Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 147¼, outpointed Roy Baird, Birmingham, 148½, in eight. Manny Francis, Gold Coast, 117, was too strong for Tommy Icke, Birmingham, 120, and the referree called a halt, after the latter had taken three counts. Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 193¼, made short work of Terry McDonald, Cudworth, 200 for a neat left hook in the first round put McDonald down for the full count.

LEYTON. — Jackie Braddock, Manchester, 148½, took 45 seconds including the count, to dispose of Ronnie Gill, Bethnal Green, 146¼, in the first round. Ron Barton, ex amateur middleweight champion, 165, scored a second round K.O. win over Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 165. Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 163, stopped Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 159, in the fourth. Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 142, won easily on points over six rounds against Tony Brazil, Brighton, 139½. Ken Wittey, Brighton, 157¼, was declared the winner over Jack Whitehouse, Birmingham, 164½, in the third, the latter was disqualified for hitting with the inside of the closed gloves.

National Sporting Club. — Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 138, and Pat McCoy, Galway, 135, fought six rounds to a draw. George Connors, Islington, 115, outpointed Frankie Nicholson, Bethnal Green, 117, in a six round contest. Charlie Page, Stephney, 142½, took less than a round to dispose of Derek Davis, Camberwell, 145, when the referee intervened, affer the latter had taken four counts from rights to the jaw. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 146, is a lad to watch, for he has the makings of a top class fighter. His win on points over Gordon Kearns, Shepherds Bush, 145, was a pleasure to watch. Denny Dennis, Woolwich, 129, knocked out Ron Colverson, Stepney, 125¾, in the fifth. Ron Popely, Rotherhithe, 160, gained a clear points win over Sid Reardon, Kilburn, 162, in six.

CAMBRIDGE.—Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 131, stopped Billy Wallace, Beeston, 138, in the third, when the latter received a badly cut eye. Cliff Giles, Linton, 122, had his work cut out to outpoint Colin Barber, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 121½, in six. Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 158, outpointed George Adams, Beccles, 160½, in six. Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 137¼, outpointed Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 139¾, in six. Tony Curzon, Nottingham, 160¾, gained a narrow points win over Mickey Shade, Croydon, 160½, in six. Jimmy Carter, Greater Yarmouth, 146¾, confirmed a previous points win over Jimmy Matchem, Folkestone, 146¾, in six.

WILLENHALL.—George Roe, Wolverhampton, 161, outpointed Rocco King, Askern, 162¾, in a eight round middleweight contest. Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 199, stopped Tom Rodgers, Ballymena, Northern Ireland, 215, in the second of a heavyweight bout.

LIVERPOOL.—Joe Bygraves, The Birkenhead prospect in the heavyweight ranks, 192½, made it third time lucky, when he outpointed Joe Crickmar, Stepney, 185½, over eight rounds. Al Brown, British Guiana, 140, clearly outpointed Dai Davies, Skewen, 138½, in eight. Peter Cardiff, Horwich, 132, outpointed Michael Stasak, France, 136, over six rounds. Don Martin, Formby, 126, stopped Ron Atkins, Milford Haven, 132, in the second. John Perry, Liverpool, 136, stopped Brian Clarkson, Lydiate, 136, in the second.

BLACKPOOL.—Tim , McLeary, Wrexham, 148, proved for the third time, that he has the beating of the young Blackpool youngster, Ken Regan, 148, who was outpointed in eight. Mickey Roche, Dublin, 123, outpointed, Percy James, Southport, 126, in six. Alf Cottam, Preston, 127, outpointed Jacky Brooks, Horwich, 130, in four. Terry McHale, Liverpool, 124, defeated Joe Riding, Preston, 123, in the third, when the latter was ruled out for the misuse of his head. Les Radcliffe, Ormskirk, 135, outpointed Tommy Cochrane, Belfast, 138, in six.

BELFAST.—John Lyttle, Belfast, 187¾, stopped the Southpaw Scottish Champion, George Stern, Glasgow, 207¾, in the eighth and last round, when the referee intervened in favor of Lyttle, after the Scot had taken six counts. George Lavery, Belfast, 155, knocked out Tony Sharrock, Preston, 151½, in the eighth. Billy Graham, Lisburn, 127½, stopped Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 130½, in the fifth. John McManus, Lurgan, 120½, took three counts in his bout with Harry Fagan, Belfast, 119½, but was declared the winner, when the latter retired in the third with a damaged hand.

EPSOM.—Freddie Reardon, Downham, 129¼, outpointed Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 129½, in eight. Ron Perry, Stalybridge, 122½, caused a minor sensation, when he knocked out Clem A'Court, Ebsom, 119½, in the sixth. Jack Hughes, Belfast, 165½,

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

Up to April 15, 1954

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Barry Brown (NZ)
2. Johnny Williams (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Eddie Thomas (SA)
3. Earl Walls (C)	Alex Buxton (E)	Gordon Hazell (E)	George Barnes (A)
4. James J. Parker (C)	Albert Finch (E)	Joe Maseko (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
5. Jack Gardner (E)	Dennis Powell (W)	Alfie Sands (A)	Wally Thom (E)
6. Ansel Adams (T)	Chub Keith (NZ)	Les Allen (E)	Lew Lazar (E)
7. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Brian Anders (E)	Roy Agland (W)	George Happe (E)
8. Jack Hobbs (E)	Doug Harper (C)	Graham Higham (A)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
9. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Dave Williams (W)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Fondie Mavuso (SA)
10. Ken Brady (A)	Arthur Howard (E)	Pat McAteer (E)	Peter Fallon (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Arthur King (C)	Roy Ankrah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
2. Armand Savoie (C)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	John Kelly (I)	Dai Dower (W)
3. Pat Ford (A)	Billy Kelly (I)	Peter Keenan (S)	Terry Allen (E)
4. Joe Lucy (E)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Eric Marsden (E)
5. Ivor Germain (BG)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Vic Herman (S)
6. Johnny van Rensberg (SA)	Alby Tissong (SA) Sammy McCarthy (E)	George O'Neill (I)	Taffy Hancock (A)
7. Georgie Dunn (C)	Trevor King (A)	Fernando Gagnon (C)	Ogli Tettey (WA)
8. Attuquaye Clottey (WA)	Elley Bennett (A)	Eddie Carson (S)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
9. Tony Habib (SA)	John Butterworth (E)	Tommy Icke (E)	Marcus Temple (SA)
10. Sollie Cantor (C)		Mickey O'Sullican (E)	Tiny Corbett (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (T) Tonga.

stopped Roy Shaffren, Harrow, 167, in the fourth. Jackie Leonard, Islington, 131, knocked out Billy Salter, Deptford, 134, in the fifth. Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 131¾, outpointed Frank Murphy, Harrow, 131, in six. Joe Odus, Nigeria, outpointed Ron Colverson, Stepney, 125, in six.

BRISTOL.—Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, stopped Ken Lawrence, Southampton, in the ninth round of an eliminating featherweight contest for The Southern Area Title. Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 149, and Jackie Braddock, Manchester, 150½ fought eight rounds to a draw. Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 150, stopped Jimmy Brogden, Manchester, 148¾, in the second.

BIRMINGHAM.—Peter Bates, Sheffield, 192½ knocked out Jack Darlington, Matlock, 201, in the seventh. Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 199, was declared the winner over Frank Walker, Warwick, 201, when the latter was ruled out for an alleged misuse of his head, Dennis Cotton, Stafford, 135, outpointed Danny Crane, Burnley, 134½, in six hard fought rounds. Larry Parkes, Hanley, 157, stopped Ginger Ward, Merthyr, 155, in the third. Sam Underhill, Birmingham, 137½, outpointed Ray Long, Manchester, 138, in six.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Johnny Fish, Harlow, 145, scored a points win over Johnny Carrington, Nottingham, 146, in a hard fought eight round contest. Jack Thornbury, Covent Garden, 145½, gained a narrow points win over George Weston, Bedworth, 142, in eight. Dave Underwood, Plymouth, 149½, stopped Eddie King, Jamaica, 150½, in the fifth. Terry Murphy, Hoxton, 137½, knocked out Maurice Murffitt, Little Downham, 140½, in the second. Tommy Purcell, Newmarket, 112¾, outpointed Ron Hughes, Romford, 115¾, in six. Colin Belcher, Great Yarmouth, 156½, outpointed Duggie Howling, Fakenham, 154, in six.

PRESTON.—Johnny Barton, Lancaster, 176¼, knocked out Hans Strelecki, Dortmund, 176, in the fourth. Brian Coxhead, Preston, 159, knocked out Jack Thomas, Liverpool, 152, in the eighth.

EMPRESS HALL, LONDON.—Little Dai Dower, of Abercynon, Wales, brought off a sensational win over the reigning British Champion Terry Allen, of Islington, in the second round of an overweight contest. In the second round Dower shot a right to Allen's head which landed on the side of the left eye. Allen, stunned, went to his knees, and he rose, at what he thought was 9, but referee Jack Hart ruled him out, for what is called "In the act of rising". This is the second K.O. in his twelve years professional career for Allen.

Albert Finch, Croydon, won the right to meet Alex Buxton for the latter's Cruiserweight title, when he stopped Arthur Howard, Islington, in the eighth.

In an all action contest between Pat McCoy of Galway Bay, 126¼, and Cliff Giles, Linton, 120, over six rounds, the decision of a draw.

Reg Fisher, Leyton, 141½, narrowly outpointed Frank O'Brien, Ireland, 143, in six. Danny Gill, Bethnal Green, 147, outpointed Ken Bebbington, West Ham, 146½, in six. Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, 140¾ was ruled out in the third, for ducking below the waistline of his opponent Parry Dando, Llanhilleth, 137.

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much longer.

Jeff opened the round by rushing Fitz to the ropes. Bob unleased a desperate rally that temporarily halted the champion, but it was a dying effort. As Jeff came on again, Fitz reeled wearily into a corner. He could hardly lift his arms. Jeff ripped a left to the body that raised Fitz off his feet. As he came down, a right to the same spot buckled his legs under him and he sank, groaning, to his hands and knees on the canvas. Fitz tried to pull himself to his feet but he was exhausted, and the fateful "ten" was droned by Referee Eddie Graney with the Old Man still on his knees.

ALTHOUGH his gallant bid was destined for failure, Dempsey accounted for one of the ring's most sensational episodes when he tried to recover the laurels from Gene Tunney in Chicago in 1927 after losing them to Gene in Philadelphia the previous year.

For six rounds Dempsey absorbed a systematic lacing from the methodical Tunney. Then, suddenly, in the seventh, he crashed through Gene's defenses, drove the champion to the ropes and sent him toppling to the canvas with a blasting two-handed assault.

In that riotous round, Dempsey came as close as any ex-champion ever has to getting the heavyweight title back. That he didn't succeed was Manassa Jack's own fault. The start of the count was delayed several precious seconds when Dempsey didn't head for a neutral corner as Tunney hit the deck.

Whether or not Gene would have been able to beat the count had it begun immediately is speculative. Tunney later said he could have. But the fact remains that even with the benefit of those extra seconds, the New Yorker was still dazed and unsteady as he clambered to his feet at "nine." Instinctively, however, Tunney knew enough to scoot around the ring and avoid the frantic rushes of a tiring Dempsey. Jack couldn't catch Tunney, and his chances of winning faded then and there. The weary ex-champion was badly beaten the rest of the way, and it was lucky for him the affair was limited to ten rounds. Jack was near exhaustion at the finish.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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normal tax and more clubs staging shows, the government revenue would be much higher.

President Fane of the British Boxing Board of Control, who made a strong, but unsuccessful plea to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce the tax burden, declared: "a reduction of the tax would be a shot in the arm for British boxing, a sport that is rapidly dying due to the burden it must carry. The nurseries of boxing, the smaller clubs are dropping by the wayside and without them, boxing is in a sad plight."

His colleague on the board, Alex Elliott, one of the administrative stewards, added: "small clubs have hung on desperately in the hope that there would be a realization of the tax, but they will fall out if there is no relief granted in the next government budget."

A movement has started to have fight fans of Great Britain tackle the problem by writing to their legislators urging action. The fans have been told to "nag" the members of Parliament until they see the light.

There is no doubt that a 33⅓ percent tax on any sports is burden promoters find difficult to hurdle, but as I pointed out before, Pennsylvania, in our country has a thirty-three percent tax and Alabama has a forty-five percent tax. Those are the largest entertainment taxes in our country. I hope Chancellor Butler in Great Britain doesn't use the latter figures as an argument to bolster his stand, because, for his benefit, let it be noted that there is practically no boxing any more in Alabama because of this tax.

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The last member of the American Olympic team to turn professional is Ed Sanders of Los Angeles. Sanders, in his bow as a money chaser, stopped Sonny Nichols of Portland, Maine, in the first round, thus following in the footsteps of several of his team mates who have been piling up excellent records since their return.

Of the American contestants at Finland, Floyd Patterson of Brooklyn; Nate Brooks of Cleveland; Chuck Adkins of Gary, Indiana; Davey Moore of Canton, Ohio; Bobby Bickle of Topeka, Kansas; Lou Gage of San Francisco, California and Spider Webb of Chicago, Illinois,—all members of the successful U. S. contingent that had gained the headlines two summers ago, have bolstered the pro field in our country.

Of the foreigners who competed, Raton Macias of Mexico City and Dai Dower of Wales, have made the greatest strides.

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The plan of "The Ring" for a "Boxing Hall of Fame", has gained impetus all over the country. Editorial comment favoring the plan has indicated an interest far beyond our expectations. The machinery to give to boxing what the Cooperstown Hall of Fame has given to baseball, has been launched.

We have been flooded with letters of commendation. The opinion of the majority is that Boxing's Hall of Fame is long overdue. Help has been offered by scribes and the public and for this, "The Ring" staff is grateful.

After Rocky Marciano fights Ezzard Charles, newspapermen from all parts of the country will be contacted in an effort to organize a national committee. In the meantime we welcome suggestions on how best to carry out the plan. One thing is certain—this will not be a sectional organization. Every part of the United States will have an opportunity to pitch in and make the Boxing Hall of Fame as worthy of recognition as is the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Watch for future developments in The Ring.

WASHINGTON, D. C. NOTES
By Jim Echols

WASHINGTON'S weekly fight night was held as per usual at Turner's Arena, very ably done by our fast rising young matchmaker and promoter, Vince McMahon. Heading this show was D. C.'s favorite, Gene Smith, 127½, who defeated the tough, durable New York vet, Filberto Osario, 128½, in a ten rounder. Smith was very impressive in this win. He looked sharp, well rested and appeared to be in excellent condition. In the later rounds Smith scored heavily to the body, causing Osario to drop his guard and to be belted frequently to the head.

A turnout of some 1,500 fans were on hand.

In the semi-windup Tommy Williams, 149½, kayoed Chink Williams, 145, with a hard right hand punch to win in the first round. Both are local battlers. Another sixer ended in the fourth round when Kid Saucer, 180½, dumped Jimmy Bell, 201, for an eight count, and the referee decided that Bell was through.

Three scheduled fours completed an excellent show. Artie Bethea, 161, just back from the service and essaying a comeback, met veteran Curtis Wade, 165, Baltimore in a bout that ended in a draw. Clay Roberts, 164, perhaps better known as "Young Satan" to local fistic followers, KO'd Henry Maddox, 157, after 1:50 of the second round. The opener was a real thriller in which Paddy Bullock, 139, lowered the boom on Billy Durham, 143, in the fourth round. Both are local fighters.

In the second show of his series of weekly cards, Vince McMahon, showed the popular Holly Mims, 151½, the boy nobody wants to fight, in a scheduled ten, against the former Army Champ, Sandy Baxter, 164½, of New York. Mims scored a second round kayo.

Jimmy Cooper, 128, on leave from the Army, took on Willie Brown, 129½, New York in a free swinging affair. Jimmy finally caught up with Willie in the third when they engaged in an inside exchange and he dropped him for an eight count. When he arose Cooper's right smashed him to the deck for the full count.

In another sixer, Kid Saucer, 185, D. C., knocked out Jim McMillen, 180, Newark, with but ten seconds left remaining in the battle. Harold Smith, 126½, Washington, made it a quickie when he kayoed Ike Wilson, 123, Philly, in the first stanza.

In a pair of fours, Hank Jones, 160, decisioned Rudy "Sugar" Watkins, 158½, Baltimore, while Happy, Jack, 162, won over Al "Sugar" Washington, 161.

Since turning to the "punch for pay" ranks youthful Floyd Patterson, 167, has gone to the post ten times and his recent appearance at Turner's was no exception as he returned to the winner's circle for the eleventh straight time with the scalp of Sammy Brown, 168½, of Newark. From the offset Patterson had the number of Brown, a former Army boxer, and it was just a question of time until the former Olympic Champ would find the range. Brown valiantly made an effort to match skills with Patterson but he was outclassed. In the second Floyd scored with several vicious rights to the jaw of Sammy and he ended up on the lower strand of the ring ropes. As he weaved he was caught by the referee and piloted to his corner where he knew that the big guns had found the range. Time of the TKO, was 1:40 of the second round.

Tommy Williams, 148½, Washington, eke out a close duke over Leslie Harris, 144½, Baltimore, in a six. Another scheduled six ended in 1:59 of the third with D. C.'s Kid Saucer, 187, finally decking the durable Baltimore battler, Tommy Haskins, 189, with a right flush on the chin.

Harold Smith, 126, Washington, scored a quick kayo over Tommy Curtis, 122, Baltimore in the first round to notch his second pro win. When he failed to answer the bell for the third heat, Charley Diggs, 137, Baltimore lost by a TKO to Syl Temple, 134, Washington. The opener saw Ray Tucker, 182, Washington, a former Golden Glover, win by TKO over Trust Brown, 170, Baltimore, in a fast bout.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

BOSTON: George Araujo, 139, Providence, administered a bad beating to Curley Munroe, 137, stopping him in the sixth round. Araujo's left hand power carved out a bloody win over Munroe before 5,209 fans at Mechanics Building, with Referee Tommy Rawson halting the one-sided brawl.

Harold Gomes, Providence, stopped Young Saint, Holyoke, in the third round. Jimmy Gambino, 179, New York, halted Richie Norden, 187, Stamford, in the fourth, the referee halting the bout after Norden was floored three times.

Charlie Celeste, 131, East Boston, dropped in the first, came on to halt Art Davis, 128, Boston, in the third round. Eddie Andrews, 152, Lowell, decisioned Frankie Fratglia, 153, Brockton. Gus Monteverde, 146, Fitchburg, outpointed Danny Goalow, 147, Worcester.

Fall River: Roy Andrews, 141, Lowell, outpointed Georgie Edmonds, 140, Hartford, (10). Jose Contreras, 160, Taunton, outpointed Benny Spinola, 154, New Bedford, (6). Eddie Campbell, 133½, Pawtucket, R. I., stopped Al Lima, 137, New Bedford, (2). Willie Piget, 160, Boston, stopped Toby Silvia, 160½.

Fall River: Chico Rocha, Fall River, 154, outpointed Benny Spinola, 153, New Bedford, in the top eight rounder at the Fall River Casino.

Henry W. Smith, N. Y., 150, stopped Al Frias, Fall River, 152, (2). Irish Pat Caddick, 152½, Providence, kayoed Roland Gomes, 147½, F. R. (4). Pat Kelly, 142, Lawrence, kayoed Henry Young, 147, Fall River, (2). Everett Perry, 144½, Fall River, TK'd Anthony Antuono, 140½, Providence, (2).

Fall River: Irvin Steen, 147, New York, stopped Gene La Blanc, 145, Fall River, in the tenth and final round of the main bout at the Fall River Casino.

Georgie Edmonds, 144½, Hartford, won a split decision over Eddie Silvia, 146½, New Bedford, in six rounds. Benny Spinola, 154, New Bedford, outpointed Toby Silvia, 158, Fall River, (6). Henry Alfonso, 138, Fall River, TKO'd Anthony Antuono, 140½, Providence in the fourth round.

Pat Kelly, 142, Lawrence, kayoed Larry Marino, 146, Providence, (1). Everett Perry, 144, Fall River, kayoed Vince Rego, 140, Providence, (2).

Fall River: Roy Andrews, 139½, Lowell, scored a first round technical knockout over veteran Bobby English, 137½, Fall River, in their main bout at the Fall River Casino. Matchmaker Manny Almeida has been drawing some of the largest crowds seen in the Casino for quite some time.

Chico Rocha, 151, Fall River, outpointed Charlie Mattos, 148, Providence, (6). Young Wills, 126 ½, Providence, halted Charlie Veloga, 126½, Fall River (3). Pat Lelly, 142 Lawrence, outpointed Joe Arruda, 142, Fall River, (4).

Hartford: Tommy Tibbs, 132, Boston, was outpointed by Graham Holmes, 134, Manchester, Conn., in ten rounds. Holmes, a good looking prospect, won handily.

Boston: Kid Gavilan won a unanimous decision over Livio Minelli, before 6,983 fans at the Boston Gardens. It was a one sided affair.

Ed Saunders, 1952 Olympic Heavyweight Champion from Los Angeles, a Navy Seaman stationed at the Fargo Bldg., halted Sonny Nichols, Portland, Maine, in one.

Gus Monteverde, 147½, Fitchburg, outpointed Billy McIntyre, 148, Boston (4). Johnny O'Brien, 157½, Cambridge, won a split decision over Johnny Green, 157½, Springfield, (6). Green, a newcomer to the fight game, is going places. Paulo Rossi, N. Y., 136½, stopped Danny Josephs, in two rounds. Andy Figare, 151, N. Y., stopped Buddy Slocum, 145, Philadelphia, in two rounds.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

NORFOLK'S Emmett Gurney, former amateur lightweight and welterweight champion of Virginia, more recently, University of South Carolina Middleweight king. Continues to make rapid progress in the "Punch for Pay" ranks. Under the guidance of Jess Alderman, Emmett has had 5 wins in 6 professional bouts. In Gurney's most recent bout, he won in eight rounds over Johnny Bryant of Detroit.

The University of Maryland won the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association tourney, held at Charlottesville, Va. The Terps won the title by staking up 35 points. The host team, University of Virginia, placed 2nd with 26 points. Penn State and Army placed 3rd, with 25 points each. Syracuse 21 points and Catholic University 2 points.

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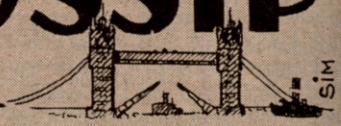
EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish



CHARLES HUMEZ recovered some lost ground by overpowering the strong Yank, Garth Panter, and Robert Cohen gained world recognition blasting out Ireland's John Kelly at Belfast. Cohen is Europe's best beat for a world crown. Gustav Scholz won his first fight in the USA, beating Al Andrews on points Karel Sys was again in action, as were Hecht, Mitri, Festucci, Loi, Sneyers and other stars, though none of them disputed important contests. Continentals had a patchy time in Britain—Prigent lost to Lew Lazar, but Olle Bengtsson surprised by lasting the limit against Randy Turpin and Fontana went the distance with Yolande Pompey. Strelecki was unlucky to lose to Johnny Barton at Preston. Most promising fighter during the month was Leen Janssen of Holland, most disappointing was Germinal Ballarin who turned in another bad showing versus the Belgian, Delmine, who also did excellently against Hans Stretz. Hein ten Hoff scored another kayo in the States, as did Royer-Crecy, the French middle. Robert Charron, we hear, is to return to boxing.

Rome :—As reported last month, Franco Festucci had an easy job outscoring Georges Norel, a very modest French middle, over ten rounds. On the same bill, Roberto Spina gave a most promising performance by holding Giaani Zuddas to a draw in a very equal bantam eight, whilst Piero Rollo stopped Giovanni Musina in two and Ilario Tanelli halted Enrico Sisella in the fifth of two further bantam affairs. Likely-looking Bruno Bernardinello punched out a points win over Nando Spallotta in a middles six and Aristide Dal Piaz bested tough Gino Rossi in another middles six.

Mestre, Italy :—Gino Campagna, the national champ not long since, had to be content with a draw against Dante Madella in a middles ten here, though Gino got rather the better of the exchanges. In Milan, Mario Salvoldi trimmed Mario Faverzani in a middleweight eight.

Amsterdam, Holland :—Willy Schagen made something of a fresh comeback by outboxing the clever German cruiser, Hans Strelecki, over ten rounds.

Stuttgart, Germany :—There was a minor sensation before a packed house when the local welter prospect, Helmut Höhmann, ripped through with a well-earned points victory against the national light- and welterweight king, Werner Handke, in a good eight-rounder.

Madrid :—Young Martin returned to action with a quick victory over Antonio Palazon, who was halted in the fourth of a flyweight scrap and national middles king, Pedro Antonio Jiminez, was held to a draw by improving Francisco Frances in eight. Angel Garcia iced Al Young of Jamaica in the first round of a lightweight shindig at Barcelona and a week later at Madrid, the highly-touted local lightie, Algaribel, put the skids under Xavier Ortiz in the sixth frame.

Geneva :—A new Italian heavyweight popped up here, getting the better of Charles Jordan, France, over six rounds in his first pro bout.

Bologna :—Tiberio Mitri completed his build-up for the Turpin clash by stepping out a nifty ten rounds victory over unorthodox Leo Starosch of Germany. Bruno Visintin made short work of blond Willi Gelhaar, German lightweight, who was clouted out in four whilst Sylvano Locatelli nodded Pozzi in a lightweight six.

Barcelona :—Bobby Ros, the new star of the national feathers line-up was held to a draw over eight rounds by the tough Basque, Jacinto Santin. At Madrid, the feathers king himself, Jose Hernandez, was in action, trimming Young Gonzales over eight rounds.

Paris :—At the Central Club, Andre Mauguin got the upper hand against durable Frank Hermal in a tough welter ten won by the former. Michel Clavel defeated Santanbien in a lightweight eight. At Sedan, Robert Jacques checked Cyrille Hazebrouck in the sixth stanza of a welter tangle. At Evreux, Robert Guiwarch redeemed himself in the eyes of the locals by getting a narrow verdict over tought Jean Ruellet, promising Parisian welter, over ten rounds.

Paris :—Hilaire Pratesi attained a further rung up the bantamweight ladder by overcoming the artistry of the highly mobile Dante Bini in a brilliant ten at the Salle Wagram. Pratesi's youth and lean got him the slight edge over Bini. Two more hopefuls, both lightweights, won their bouts ; Seraphin Ferrer halted Girod in the third and Adrien Leroy outpointed Gerard Laurent over eight.

Berlin :—Emile Delmine, the Belgian middles king, achieved his best performance at the Sportspalace, although he shared honors with Hanz Stretz over ten rounds. The tough visitor dropped Stretz to the canvas in round one and twice repeated the dose during the battle, which was a most dour affair. Two Spaniards had varying fortunes. Jose Gonzales deserved more than a draw against William Besmanoff in a heavyweight eight, but Domingo Lopez only lasted three rounds under the heavy artillery of Willi Hoepner, who finished off the Spanish cruiser king with a hook to the liver in the third. Ernst Zetzmann creased Herbert Gläser in the third of a welter clash and in two middles disputes, Joachim Borowski drew with Hans Obermeier in four and Horst Niche nodded Robert Gaffron over four.

Milan :—Franco Festucci bounced his right often enough on Michel Aubignat's chin but could not stop the strong Frenchman and ran out handy points winner after ten rounds. Mario Ciccarelli was nearly flattered by Elis Ask but came back to defeat the Finnish lightweight on points over ten rounds. Luigi Coluzzi whipped Joseph Jicat in a welter six and Negro beat Casarico in a feathers fray.

Genoa :—Duilio Loi entertained the locals to a good show in beating durable Franco Antonini in a lively ten, thus rectifying a previous draw. Other results of this all-lightweight program were, Ernesto Formenti shoulder to shoulder with Gaetano De Lucia in eight, Aureliano Bolognesi iced Ceriani in two in his first pro start, Calcaterra drew with Giovanni Paini over six.

Beausoleil, France : — Alex Ceremonia grabbed the verdict over Ben Tahar in a cruiser ten. Djillali halted Giuseppe Mastrangelo in the third of a flyweight session and in two lightweight shindies, Merialdo drew with Gulhini over eight rounds and Felice Gallo trounced local Julien Staccini in ten. At Montlucon, Dino Nocentini of Italy finished winner over Roger Dubrueil after a good welter six.

Kiel :—Karel Sys won in a canter over the still rusty Heinz Seelisch but the German heavy did not stop trying for all ten rounds. Manuel Quintana, a mediocre Spaniard wrongly billed as middles champion, was crushed in two heats by destructive Franz Szüzina. In two welter clashes, Richard Todesen won over four against Fritz Schwering and Horst Garz laced Heinz Rümke over six.

Trieste :—Aldo Pravisani bashed out a points win over Mario Rosselini in a lightweight eight and Cainero chilled Bruzzone in the fifth heat of a welter affair. At Bari, aspiring Umberto Vernaglione chilled Giovanni Bidini in the third of a welter clash and Antonio Ladisi checked Carrocciu in the second round of a lightweight session. At Carrara, Al Dalle Lucche beat Bastogi in a lightweight six.

Grenoble, France :—Mario Salvoldi, local-born Italian middle, took less than a round to dispose of Jean Fabre, whilst Mario Ursini defeated Marcel Beaumais in a middles eight. At Marseilles, Gracieux Lamperti trimmed Andre Meraint in a feathers eight and Jean Remorini nodded Ciolfi in a lightweight eight. At Angers, young Maxime Cochin obtained a draw against expert but jaded Theo Medina in a good bantam ten and the Polish middle, Michel Ozog, laced Marcel Bednar in eight.

Abidjan, West Africa :—In the official semi-final for the French lightweight title, Auguste Caulet outfought game Louis Carrara over twelve heats and thus qualified to meet champion Herbillon : alas, later the champ was shorn of his laurels by forfeiture due to injury and Caulet is still waiting. In a supporting bout, ubiquitous Lahouari Godih trounced Roger Dambele in a lightweight ten. In North Africa, Tunis to be exact, Emile Chemama did very well to reverse a previous

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

Month Ending April 15, 1954

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Karel Sys (B)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
4. Gunter Nurnberg (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
5. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Heinz Sachs (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Paolo Melis (I)
6. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Giovanni Alfonsetti (I)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)
7. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Antonio Monzon (S)
8. Werner Wiegand (L)	Marcel Limage (B)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Robert Guivarch (F)
9. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Emile Delmine (B)	Luigi Valentini (I)
10. Aldo Pellegrini (I)	Serge Barthelemy (F)	Bep van Klaveren (H)	Jacques Prigent (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Robert Cohen (F)	Louis Skena (F)
2. Joergen Johansen (D)	Ray Famechon (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Young Martin (S)
3. Jacques Herbillon (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Charlie Bohbot (FM)
4. Auguste Caulet (F)	Jacques Dumesnil (F)	Emile Chemama (F)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
5. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Jacques Bataille (F)	Gaetan Annaloro (I)	Antonio Diaz (S)
6. Augustin Argote (S)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Andre Jasse (F)
7. Werner Handke (G)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Hilaire Pratesi (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
8. Joseph Janssens (B)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Jacques Colomb (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
9. Louis Carrara (F)	Mohamed Chickaoui (F)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Willibald Koch (G)
10. Mario Ciccarelli (I)	Luis Romero (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Hilaire Gaviano (F)

LEGEND : Austria (A) ; Belgium (B) ; Denmark (D) ; France (F) ; French Morroco (FM) ; France (Algeria) (FA) ; Germany (G) ; Holland (H) ; Italy (I) ; Luxembourg (L) ; Portugal (P) ; Spain (S) ; Sweden (SW).

defeat by Gaetan Annaloro, beating the Italian bantam by a narrow margin over ten rounds. Brahim Jeune clung on to his Tunisian welter crown by a lucky verdict over the more enterprising Rizgui Ben Salah.

St. Brieuc, France :—There was a minor sensation up here when the local aspirant for heavyweight honors, Francis Coeurt, was forced to retire in the fifth round against Ildefonse Warusfeld, due to a cut eye. Louis Perrigaud stopped Stanislas Laskowski in the seventh of a middles argument and Gaston Mathieu stopped Belifa in the seventh of a welter shindy. At Lisieux, blond Marcel Assire drew over ten rounds with the Senegalese, Constant Alcantara, and at Laval, Tony Say lost out to Daniel Bertron in a lightweight eight.

Paris :—At the Stadium Club, Serge Gabard made an excellent job of his winning bout against the North African champion, Moncef Fehri, who was clearly beaten in a bantam ten. At Laon, Henri Podevin beat Boudjema, who retired in the sixth of a feathers fray and brother Jean Podevin edged Henri Pageot in a bantam eight. Rene Weissmann continued with the good work at Biarritz, beating the tough Pole, Ramon Dabrowski, in a welter eight and at Dijon, Jacques Cabot outscored Salvatore Vangi in a feathers eighth.

Esch, Luxembourg :—Werner Wiegand confirmed a previous points win over Winnifried Henne of Germany by shattering the visitor in fifty seconds of the opening round. Claus Miska drew with local welter, Burgagni, in six and Günter Chomuntowski lost to Stroppa in another welter six.

Amsterdam :—Wim Snoek retained his Dutch cruiser title against the former holder, Willy Schagen, but the latter put up an unexpectedly good showing. Schagen has never regained his old form since the Rux defeat and here again, Snoek was too clever for him and won over twelve rounds. Jan Hagenaar got a lucky verdict over Heinz Bücher, German middle, over eight, and Pedro Klijssen outscored another German middle, Mathias Luyten, over six. Henk Klok was undeserved winner over Hans Schömig in a feathers weight.

Rotterdam : — Leen "Young Dempsey" Janssen, brilliant Dutch middles hope, gave the best performance of his brief career by knocking out the robust German redhead, Hans Baumann, in the fifth round with a shattering right to the jaw. Clever Piet Van Klaveren halted Willi Gelhaar in the ninth of a lightie larrup and Herbert Gläser, German kayo king, iced Wim Ludwig in the first frame of a welter discussion. Baby De Voogd blasted out Norbert Sapion, German heavy, in round two.

Angouleme, France :—Claude Arnaiz, local cruiser hope, copped his fifth consecutive kayo win by thrashing the Spaniard, Santiago Pacea, in three, whilst another Spaniard, welterweight Juan Mora, was stopped in the fifth round of his fight with Simon Perillat at Annecy.

Milan :—Two French visitors were defeated here when Nazzareno Kianelli copped a just verdict over Guiseppe Mastrangelo in a flyweight eight and Artenio Calzavara outfought tough Franco Mariani in a cruiser six. The third Frenchman. Yves Boglione, also of Italian descent, was clouted out in the second by Milan cruiser hope, Rocci. Scoccimarro beat Giorgio Bastogi in a feathers six and Giorgis, a new cruiser, blundered out a points win over Rino Sofisti after six rounds.

Florence :—Rino Stiaccini blasted out Antonio Minissale in the third frame of a bantam showdown, and at Piacenza, the latest heavyweight threat, Antonio Crosia, thumped out a points win over German novice Hubert Günther, in six. On the same bill, Ernesto Formenti gained a good points win at the expense of a more clever German, lightweight Karl Pinsdorf, in eight.

Brussels :—Jean Sneyers was rather disconcerted by the brilliance of young Jacques Dumesnil, the French feathers comer. Brilliant Jacques dazzled the crowd sufficiently to get the applause and press verdict but Sneyers was the man who got the ref's nod, after ten rounds. Pierre Cossemyns retained his national bantam title by trouncing Jean Kidy over twelve rounds. Ellis Ask, the Finn now domicilled in Belgium, was surprisingly halted by modest Ray Souply in the eighth of a lightweight session whilst Marcel Limage copped an unpopular verdict over Luxembourg cruiser, Jean Serres, after ten rounds.

Cagliari, Italy :—In his native island of Sardinia, Paolo Melis was adjudged winner over Stefano Bellotti after a most modest showing, and thus retained the Italian welter crown after twelve rounds. Pietro Rollo did well to outscore valiant Ameleto Falcinelli in a bantam ten and Efisio Melis edged Franco Rosini in a lightweight eight. In Naples, Antonio Borraccia added another swift victory to his record by demolishing Sal Furciniti in the fourth of a feathers slam. At Como, Giancarlo Garbelli, fast-improving light scored a big upset by shattering the Austrian blond, Willi Swoboda, in four.

Barcelona :—Jose Galiana threw a spanner in the featherweight works here by beating the official challenger, Jacinto Santin, dropping the rugged Basque for "nine" in the third and retiring in the fifth. Kim Navarro retained his Catalan bantam title by defeating Juan Cardenas over ten, and a middles six was won by Teyada over Bugallo. Gomar drew with Gunero in a feathers six.

Lyons :—Lige a thunder-clap, Mario Ciccarelli crushed the German lightie, Albert Mueller, blitzing the Rhinelander right in the opening round. Lucien Meraint, southpaw clouter, biffed out a good win over Pierre Carrara, Parisian feather on the comeback trail, over ten. Jean Dubois humbled Jules Chartier in the second of another feathers fray and Taihi drew with Andre Guyon in a welter six.

Lausanne, Switzerland :—Dante Madella, who is not doing so badly these days, came through a surprise winner over the Swiss middle, Claude Burger, after ten good rounds.

Madrid :—Carlo Mola, Italian middles veteran, ran into a snag when he tacked young Francisco Frances, who copped the verdict after eight fast rounds. Emilio Orozco, Spanish welter king, got the better of another Italian, Felice Gallo, in a second eight-rounder.

Hanover :—Gerhard Hecht had a good workout at the expense of ring-wise Günter Balzer in preparation for the forthcoming slam with Hairabedian, and won handily over eight rounds. Theo Imbsweiler drew with Heinz Sänger in six and Max Resch iced Alfred Hackelberg in the first, both middles arguments. In two welter disputes, Helmut Höhmann halted Heinz Rümke in four and Günter Hase stopped Heinz Wonneberger in the second.

Chambery, France :—Young Jacques Colomb did all the experts a great dis-service by whipping one of the leading bantams, Emile Chemama, over ten rounds. At Chateauroux, Robert Mouignot proved the better man against the Belgian flyweight king, Emile Delplanque, who dropped a points decision after ten heats. At St. Omer, Roger Facqueur achieved another good win by stopping strong Edgard Delannoit, the Belgian welter, in the eighth round. At Montargis, promising Serge Piniarski, middles star of Polish descent, blasted out Michel Delaunay in seven.

Paris :—At the Palais des Sports, Rene Weissmann was held to a draw by Rene Lacaze in a welter ten, and in three featherweight outings, Cherif Hamia continued undefeated by stopping Antoine Ciolfi in seven, Louis Poncy checked Rene Collin in three and Mohammed Omari, black blitzer, neatly trimmed robust Jacques Legendre. At the Salle Wagram, Jacques Laladunis made a return to the punch-for-lunch brigade by walloping out Roger Gade in seven, whilst Roger Bugnet earned the nod over Edmond Moletto in a bantam eight.

Liege :—Fighting in his own bailiwick, Kid Dussart tasted the sweet joys of revenge when he copped the decision over Gilbert Lavoine, the railroadman who currently holds the European welter title. Gilbert put the skids under the cagey Kid last summer but this time took his training too easy and for once Dussart went to work seriously and earned the verdict. Gino Menozzi fought well to grab the duke at the expense of Jean Corhay, highly-touted Belgian cruiser.

Asnieres, France :—In this Paris suburb, Jacques Prigent continued his winning way by thrashing tough Gilbert Ussin in a hard welter ten. At Nevers, Idrissa Dione earned the decision by quite a margin over Jean Ruellet in a welter ten and at Caen, a renewed hope of the past, Roland Romano, was badly shot up by aggressive Marcel Assire, local blond, who stopped the Tunisian middle in four rounds at the Helitas Stadium. Christian Lunaud beat Mohamed Bouraoui in a second middles shindig which went the full distance, ten rounds.

Copenhagen, Denmark :—Joergen Johansen reversed a previous verdict by lambasting the French lightie, Louis Carrara, over ten rounds. Other French visitors were also defeated. Chris Christensen got the better of Bachir Cheraka in a welter ten, Martin Hansen again bumped into Constant Alcantara and this time got the decision over eight rounds, whilst Svend Wad scored a points win over Bouadjemi Mokhfi over six rounds despite a knockdown suffered by the Dane.

Milan :—Always bad news from Trieste when Aldo Pravisani is in there swinging. This time he was taken the distance by Ray Lopez, French feather, but Aldo got the nod after eight rounds. Umberto Vernaglione, rising welter, crushed Louis Caucino of France in the opening round and Aureliano Bolognesi bested Mario Posca in a lightweight six. Orfeo Meneghini beat Russano in a welter six.

Rome :—Duilio Loi repeated a previous victory by trouncing Beppi De Joanni in a lightweight ten. In the semi-finals of a middles tourney, Bruno Bernardinello nodded Mario Faverzani and Aristide Dal Piaz edged out Mario Salvoldi, both over eight rounds. In the semi-finals of a bantam ditto, Renato Denti trimmed Gaudenzio Carutti and Pietro Rollo trounced Ilario Tanelli, both eight-rounders.

Lisbon, Portugal :—Balarmino Fragoso chalked up a good win here by stiffening Mustapha, Moroccan lightie, in five, whilst Jorge Tafoi repeated the dose on another Moroccan, welterweight Chuchan, in the third.

Madrid :—In the second outing of his Spanish campaign, Carlo still failed to impress. This time he was stopped in the second round by an unknown Spanish middle, Marcos Bolita, Mola's buddy, Felice Gallo, rescued the Italian honors by defeating Vincent Moragues in a good welter eight. At Barcelona, little Bobby Ros continued to stir 'em up by splitting the decision with the national champ, fiery Jose Hernandez, in a blustering feathers ten. In another feathers slam, Manolo Garcia outclassed Juan Crespi over eight and Martinez beat Cabre in a lightweight six.

Wuppertal, Germany :—Siegfried (Victoryglad) was the right monniker for young Burrow who splintered the defense of Dutch welter king, Nico Schoenmaker, and stopped that gent in the third. Emil Koch, another dynamic young welter, busted into Tonni Baars of Java and stopped him in the third. Otto Bastian and Don Ellis fought to a split verdict in a cruiser eight and Gino Rossi of Italy got the nod over rocky Herbert Escher in a middles eight. Willi Gelhaar drew with Joram in a lightweight four and Hans Nesemann lost to Haast in a welter four.

Casale Monferrato, Italy :—Valde Fusaro scored a neat points win over the roughtand-tumble Sylvano Locatelli in a lightweight eight which drew a two thousand gate.

Metz.—The local welter hope, Emile Zilli, was held to a draw by Gaston Langlois over ten rounds, whilst Marcel Colussa drew with Luc Domer in a light-weight six. At the Central Club in Paris, Rene Bolivia was too strong for the young Armenian, Pierre Sarkissian, who stayed in his corner at the call for the seventh round of a lightweight duel. Pierre Desouza beat Ledreney in a bantam six.

Milan :—At the Principe Theater, Gianni Zuddas earned the right to meet D'Agata for the national bantam crown by eliminating Giuseppe D'Augusta, who was wheeled away during the third round. Rocci, new cruiser wonder, demolished Jean Rouch of Paris in four and Flaviano Ciancarelli whipped Iche in a feathers six.

Paris :—Jubilation at the Palais des Sports where Charles Humez showed his recovery from the Durando kayo by completely dominating slow and durable Garth Panter in a middles ten. .In the second middles duel of the bill, Emile Delmine, Belgium, won by disqualification over Germinal Ballarin in the eighth after the Frenchman repeatly used his head as a third fist. Seraphin Ferrer creased Simon Perillat in the third of a lightie clash and in two feathers frays, Benourine whipped Daniel Elodon over four and Cherif Hamia stopped Jacques Lesseine of Belgium in the seventh.

Rome :—Andre Valignat, French bantam much appreciated in Italy, proved too good for young Roberto Spina in a good eight-rounder. Sandro D'Ottavio was a bit lucky to get the nod over another Frenchman. Michael Aubignat, in ten.

Bruges :—Tough luck on Serge Barthelemy, who deserved the nod over dour Andre De Keersgieter in a cruiser ten here. The drawn verdict was booed.

Paris :—At the Stadium, Tino Cardinale fought a draw with Kid Andre in a bantam ten, and in three welter sixes. Charlier beat Milcent, Ferragu nodded Claude Lapoutielle and Billanlt beat Rose. At the Central, Michel Clavel bested Andre Surier in a lightweight eight. At Lyons, Mario Ciccarelli removed another obstacle from his path to the Italian lightweight title by overwhelming clever Valde Fusaro in a monotonous ten. Andre Jicat stopped Guyon in the fifth of a welter slam. At St. Jean de Luz, Harivel trimmed Henri Goya in a welter eight and at Barlin, Edouard Ptak bested Sylvain Therouse in a lightweight ten.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By JACK WAINA

JOHNNY SUMMERLIN, considered one of the finest prospects in the heavyweight division here since Joe Louis was produced, has been discharged from the army and is in training once again. Prior to leaving for the service Summerlin had won 16 bouts, fought two draws and lost only one bout, that due to a cut eye in the second round. Johnny won ten of his fights by knockouts, including one over Vern Escoe, then the Canadian heavyweight champion.

During his hitch under Uncle Sam's direction, the Detroiter served the majority of his time in Japan, where he kept fit for fistic combat by holding the post of camp boxing instructor. Today Summerlin, having just turned 22 years old last January, is more mature of mind and physically.

At the Motor City Arena, promoted by the MCBC and televised locally, about 700 fans saw a good boxing show.

A little over a year ago Tommy Leedle won 19 straight bouts, then ran into Pat "Spunky" Lowry. Since that time the popular Durand youngster has been unable to untrack himself, losing five of eleven starts, three by knockouts. In his latest comeback bid, Leedle, 162, was derailed by veteran Bob Stecher, 162½, Pittsburgh. The visitor won handily, having Tommy down for an eight count in the fourth round. The win was Stecher's first since returning from the service; previously he lost to Stanley Mylinski and Chet Mieszala.

Ed Zaremba, 164½, Jackson, won his fourth straight on a split decision over Clarence Riley, 163, Detroit, in four; Tony Lomanaco, 179, Grand Rapids, TKO'd Bill Clemmons, 180¾, Detroit, at 2:27 of the fourth; and John Minter, 226, Detroit, outslugged Noel "Bull" Reid, 230, Detroit, for the second time in five rounds.

After a seven week layoff due to an accidental lacerated right eye, Kenny Lane, 137, state lightweight champion from Muskegon, returned to action against the same opponent John Barnes, 138, Detroit, and lost an eight round decision at the Motor City Arena before 843 paid fans. Lane, a clever and picturesque boxer, appeared phlegmatic and was unable to get really started. As result, spoiler Barnes took advantage of the situation and grabbed a surprised duke. The upset loss was only Ken's third in 21 starts, while Barnes' record now reads 13 victories, 1 draw and 2 defeats.

Paulie Brooks, 137, Detroit, defeated George Reid, 139½, Detroit, for the second time in a five; Willie Windom, 145½, outpunched Hank Lassure, 147½, Flint, in five; and Chet Wiley, 140, Detroit, drew with Alan Kennedy, 141, Bay City, in a four.

Making his first start since losing to Al Andrews in December, an improved Pat Lowry, 146, Toledo, slugged his way to an eight round nod over Gene Parker, 146, Indianapolis, at the Grand Rapids Auditorium. Parker outpunched Lowry in number, but Pat carried the heavier guns and decked his opponent with right hands in both the second and seventh rounds, and had him reeling around the ring on queer street in the final stanza.

A couple of hard slugging middleweights, Chester Mieszala, 155, Milwaukee, and Cleveland's Bob Finnerty, 149, hooked up in the co-feature that went four rounds. Mieszala was down in the opening round but got up to deck Finnerty three times, before Charley Zagaroli halted the brawl at 2:26 of the fourth.

Tony Lomonaco, 174, Grand Rapids, KO'd Leroy Jones, 175, Detroit, in 2:26 of the first; John Minter, 225½, Detroit, outslugged Noel "Bull" Reid, 230½, in four; and Eddie Zaremba, 162½, Jackson, halted Hec Charette, 161½, in the opening round. The gate was $3,694 and attendance, 2174.

A game and willing but hardly sufficiently experienced Henry Bronko, 145, Detroit, fell short in his quest to relieve Allie Gronik, 146, Lincoln Park, of his state welterweight title at the Lansing Pruden Auditorium. Bronko was holding his own until clipped by a short right hand in the fourth round and never recovered. Gronik's all around know how attained in 71 pro fights, proved too much of an assignment for his youthful opponent to overcome and the mismatch was stopped at 1:00 of the eighth round. The defeat suffered by Bronko was his first in ten starts, of which one was a draw with Duke Harris.

Utilizing a sticking left jab and rocking overhand rights, promising Hammering Henry Hank, 155, was too busy for Laure Harvey, 160, Detroit, in punching out a good victory in the six round semi-final. Both are good prospects!

Clarence Riley, 164, Detroit, TKO'd Pat Cleary, 159, Toledo, because of a cut eye in third round; Bobby Evans, 155, Detroit, returned to action by outpointing Charley Witeous, 158, Toledo, in four; Paul Brooks, 135, Detroit, bested George Reid, 138, Detroit, in four; Chuck Church, 185, Lansing, outslugged Norman Smith, 179, Detroit, in gaining a TKO in the fourth of a crude, but as torried a duel as seen by this writer this year; and Gary Luce, 141, Lansing, outsped Curtis Woodward, 140, Toledo, in four.

Even-steven going into the seventh round, Ken Hammer, 189, Detroit, landed a right uppercut to the chin of Howard Tate, 213, Canton, Ohio, for a knockout at 1:33, at the Motor City Arena. It was Hammer's second win in three weeks over Tate. He scored three knockdowns in their Saginaw clash.

Stanley Kursa, 134½, Detroit, returned to the wars to outpoint Mike Garlash, 132½, Hamilton, Ontario, in five; Gerald Hammond, 156, Canton, halted Ronnie Mason, 156, Detroit, in 1:35 of the fifth; and Oscar Pharo, 193, Detroit, bettered Glen White, 196, Detroit, the latter making his pro debut in a four.

Motor City Arena, promoted by the MCBC and televised locally. Attendance 842 fans.

If Wesbury Bascom's performance against localite Marty Marshall can be considered an indication of his ring future, then the once ranked Saint Louis lightheavy is probably at an end as a top rate boxer. Tempted by the present day lure of television, Bascom was pitted against top performers when still too green and has suffered the consequences.

In against Marshall, 182, an unorthodox, clowning sort of a battler, Bascom, 183, was unable to get started and rarely scored solidly. In the seventh round, Marshall dropped Bascom to the canvas for an eight count which there-by enabled Marty to grab a split decision victory.

Oscar Pharo, 191, Detroit, edged John Minter, 225, Detroit, in five; Hank Lassure, 146, Flint, making his pro start bested John White, 138¼, Detroit, in five; and Pat Cleary, 151, Toledo, outslugged Mickey Warner, 158¼, Windsor, in four.

BEHIND THE SCENES . . . The International Boxing Club has served its official relationship with the Detroit's Olympic Stadium, and here-after the Stadium promotions will be directed under the aegis of Nick Londes. The past relationship consisting of nationally televised shows originating here will continue, but probably on a more limited scale. . . . State 175-lb., champion Bob Amos has announced his retirement from the ring. Only 27 years old, Amos was discharged from the army early last year and while competing in the small club bracket since returning, won three and lost two. Bob won the state honors last September by edging out Arthur Wright, but nothing has materialized as result.

Hap Tucker and Morrie Piolet had Jesse Underwood, 141, in Wilkinsburgh, Pa., losing to Johnny Eubanks, 145, in a ten. A week later at Wichita, Kansas, Underwood dropped a duke to Bobby Bickle in ten. . . . Nick Kramer's promising featherweight, Terry Book has enlisted in the Army for two years. . . . Dave Rollins back out on the coast again, drew with Jose Catero, then defeated Reuben Smith in ten rounders at Los Angeles, California. . . . Billy Sinn returning to the ring, was flattened by Chuck Higgins in five at Akron, Ohio. . . .

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

THE I.B.C. headed locally by George Carson presented its latest fistic show on March 31, at the spacious Oakland Avenue Arena. The opening bout which went for the full scheduled six rounds, was won by Charles (Sonny) Liston, a 203 pound heavyweight from St. Louis. He beat Stan Howlett, an East St. Louis heavyweight who also came in at 203.

The main event, which was televised nationally by the Pabst Brewery, pitted Armand Savoie, 136, from Montreal against Arthur Persley, 136, from Red Cross, La. Persley pounded out a one-sided decision over Savoie.

In the third bout Cloyed Ketcherside, 149, of St. Louis stopped a rugged little fellow by name of Sonny (Bulldog) Jenkins, 144, of St. Louis in the first round with a heated attack to the head. Jenkins was never down but was helpless on the ropes when the referee called it a day. In the fourth bout which ended in a draw it was Gene Dale, 123, of St. Louis, and Larry (Moon) Mullins, 123¼, of Louisville swapping punches.

In the final bout, the co-featured bout, Nate Brooks, 117, from Cleveland who holds the title of the North American Bantam Weight Champion beat the rugged little Teddy (Kid) Roberts, 118¾ from St. Louis. Brooks was the master throughout the ten rounds.

George Carson, who represents the I.B.C. as the St. Louis matchmaker for the Arena Boxing Bouts, also has a Sports Show which features hunting and fishing activities on Station KSTM-TV. The Show is on Channel 36 and is on the air Monday nights from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. The Carson Out-Door Sports show features the latest in Fishing Tackle, sporting arms and runs movies occasionally on wild life.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

JOE MICELI defeated Johnny Lombardo in 10 rounds at Music Hall on March 13. This was the second program staged by the Wirth brothers in conjunction with the Ray Arcel-Saturday Night TV Fights organization. The gross gate $10,141.75 and the attendance 3073.

In the supporting preliminaries to the above fight, Davey Moore, sensational Springfield, O. feather, scored a third round TKO over Bob Keeling. Tommy Baine, Indianapolis feather kayoed George Reed of Milwaukee in one heat.

Isaac Vaughn bested Frankie Betts in 6 at 135; Charlie Glover won from Primus Williams in six at 147; Al Ware 135, decisioned Don Paytes in 4 and Don Keeling, 145, knocked out Johnny Valdez in one round.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . Johnny Coulon, former bantam champ is still going strong with his lifting act and is being booked by Lenny Myers and Teddy Ordanik out of Chicago. . . . my annual promoters and managers Guide with 1000 names listed is going good at one dollar each. . . . likewise Weekly Boxing Letter, 52 issues for ten dollars. . . . Contact me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

The Becker brother promotions, Sam and Benny produced another show at Music Hall on April 1. In the feature event, Eddie Burgin, Cincinnati feather, furthered his chances for a shot at Sandy Saddler and the title this summer at the local ball orchard when he clicked off a 10 round decision over Bill Bossio of Pittsburgh. The Lenten season held the crowd down to a gross $3000 gate.

Davey Moore kept his winning streak rolling in the semifinal with a two round TKO over Leo Carter.

In the other matches, Bob Cotten, Indianapolis light heavy sprang a surprise in winning from Frank Perry of Cincinnati in six rounds.

Renzi Nocero beat Stanley Reese in 6 at 160; Herbie Moore stopped Bob Jackson in 3, heavys; Clarence Wooten won from Tommy Bain in 4, feathers in another upset.

TOLEDO FISTIC HEADLINES
By Hal Grothjan

PAT LOWRY and Charlie Cotton, both of Toledo, scored wins in their co-featured main events here at the Civic Auditorium before 2,500 satisfied fans.

Lowry looked the best in his career as he pounded tough Emerson Butcher of Rock Island, Ill., to the canvas twice in the tenth round to score a KO at 2:33 of that heat. Lowry, at 145½, won his 35th bout in 40 starts and also put Butcher on the canvas for the first time in his career.

Chuck Price, Detroit middleweight, went right to work on Kid Craig, of Chicago, and stopped him in the first round. Eddie Hall, 155, Pontiac, knocked out Jack Seckinger, Toledo, 152½, in the first round. It was the pro debut of both boys. In the opener, George Reed, Detroit, pounded out a split decision over Toledo's Curtis Woodward in a welterweight tussle of four rounds.

Civic Auditorium—Cisco Andrade, a real crowd-pleasing lightweight, won a close but unanimous decision over Hoacine Khalfi in a nationally televised "Saturday Night Fight."

Andrade, who is unbeaten but once tied in 21 pro starts, showed a lot of class and boxing skill in pounding out the win over the tough Khalfi. The bout was the only pro fight on the card as it was presented with the Ohio state AAU championships. Two Toledoans won state crowns, Ted Adams in the 139-pound class and Loren Hussey at 147 pounds.

Ronnie Delaney, Akron, O., middleweight, just can't seem to get fights. Delaney, in my book and many others, is one of the top middleweights in the country, his record of 50 wins against top-notch opposition proves that. . . . See you next month, send all fight news to your writer at 3617 Bellevue, Toledo, Ohio.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

AUSTRALIA is having a good laugh at statements made by some English boxing scribes. Over there they are going into raptures over ROBERT COHEN—and rightly so, following the workmanlike job of demolition done by the Frenchman against JOHN KELLY—and are freely tipping Cohen to beat CARRUTHERS. Well, every man is entitled to his opinion, even if he has not seen Carruthers. Cohen is good—he must be— but Carruthers is a freak. When the English see Jimmy, they may change their minds.

But their tipping of Cohen is not what is making Australia laugh. Jimmy has been accused by those English scribes of being a stay-at-home champion and of dodging Cohen! Such statements would arouse indignation if they were not so laughable.

For example, Jimmy Carruthers fought twice last year and each was a title bout. In the first he blasted Vic Toweel in South Africa; in the second he won every round against Pappy Gault in Sydney, Australia. His next title defence was against Chamrern Songkitrat in Thailand on May 2. Is Jimmy a stay-at-home champion? Maybe the English writers would begrudge him his only title defence in Australia! Now, regarding dodging Cohen. Maybe the English scribes are not aware that Carruthers challenged Cohen on three occasions? That in itself is unique—a champion challenging his leading contender. After he beat Toweel in 1953, Jimmy challenged Cohen and the South African promoters wanted to match the two. But Cohen turned a deaf ear. The second challenge came from Carruthers in Australia. When he said he would like to defend his title in his own country, the Federation of Police-Citizens-Boys' Clubs promoted the fight. Carruthers stated that he would prefer to meet Cohen as the Frenchman was the number one contender. Much money was spent in cables, letter, phone calls etc. to France and England without success.

Then, when Peacock beat Gault, the latter was offered the match. His manager did not want it, so Peter Keenan was offered the bout with Jimmy. Then Kelly beat Peter, so Kelly was offered the contest. Kelly did not want it. Time was getting short and effort was made to contact Cohen. He was contacted and the offer to him to fight Carruthers was twice as much as what Carruthers himself was offered when he was challenger for Toweel's title. Cohen would not accept unless he was given more money. The offer was increased, but still Cchen refused. So he missed out and Gault was brought in. Now Songkitrat has beaten Gault and has proved a worthy contender, so why not fight Songkitrat? Those English scribes should spend a little time in checking facts!

There are some freaks in boxing. Take TOMMY BURNS as an example. This boxer was Australia's welter champion a few years ago and became the biggest drawcard in the history of Stadiums Ltd., which runs boxing here. He gave some terrific displays. Then he lost his title in 1949 to Kevin Delaney in the worst exhibition of his career. Boxing writers went into print advising Tommy to retire. He did.

Over two years later he came back and K.O.'d Mickey Tollis, who had taken the title from Delaney. Tommy went on to pack the Stadium in Sydney in his next two fights, in one of which he K.O.'ed middleweight Don Johnson in a terrific pier six brawl. Then he lost to Len Dittmar on points and again the writers advised him to retire. "You have had it, Tommy" they said. He did retire again, but he came back in 1953 and worked his way up to a title fight with George Barnes. Up until that Barnes fight, Tommy was in grand form, but against Barnes his reflexes were poor and he was skittled by a right uppercut which would have K.O'ed any welter. That was in the eleventh round and once more boxing writers, myself included, advised Tommy to retire. He was 31, over the hill and his reflexes had vanished. So we thought. Now Burns is with us again. He fought twice last month and proved he is still a terrific drawcard. He also proved that his form against Barnes was all wrong. He still packs a wallop and his reflexes are unimpaired. He gave way 11 pounds in weight to Frank Donnelly at Tamworth, before an all-time record crowd in that city, and stopped Donnelly in the sixth round.

A few days later he tangled with Mickey McDonald in Wollongong and he dropped McDonald five times in the eight rounds the fight lasted. His opponent collapsed in the eighth to end the fight.

When Spaniard, AUGUSTIN ARGOTE knocked out our Empire lightweight champion, PAT FORD last December, I wrote that it could not happen again. Ford got careless last time when he had the fight in his keeping. I stated that next time they met, Ford would win easily. Well they met in Melbourne and Ford proved who was the master. He dominated the fight, to run out a very easy winner on points over 12 rounds.

Australia's best featherweight, TREVOR KING, will be out of action for at least six months. He met with an accident while riding his motor cycle and is in hospital with a double fracture of a leg. It is bad luck as he had a fight coming up with Elley Bennett for the Australian featherweight title. Also he had been booked for three other fights in the near future.

At Leichhardt, ALFIE SANDS met HARRY HAYES in a contest which was announced as being for the vacant Australian middleweight title. Sands won by K.O. in 8 rounds but, until he meets Graham Highman, he cannot be judged the champion. However, I think that Alfie will be regarded as king of the middleweights after that fight.

The A. B. C. brought out Hawaiian, MILTON ROSS to mix it with our welters. First up, Ross met BERT HORNBY at Leichhardt stadium and the local boy won. Later, Ross atoned for his initial loss at Redfern when he stopped Mickey McDonald. Mick retired with an injured hand.

Also at Redfern—a few weeks ago—ALLEN WILLIAMS defended his N. S. W. State heavyweight title against NORM HARVEY. The fight became a brawl from the first gong. The referee, Fred Henneberry declared it "No-Fight" in the 7th round, when the big boys really got out of control.

TEDDY RAINBOW is doing well in Melbourne. This flyweight has set his cap at Taffy Hancock's flyweight title and he has won two more fights during the month. He outpointed PAUL PRIDO and TEDDY FITZGERALD.

In Broken Hill, RAY COLEMAN knocked out KEN WENMAN with a shock punch in the ninth round after a hard fight. Then he himself was halted in the 11th round at Leichhardt the following week. He was opposed to NORM JONES.

Promising featherweight, BRUCE COLE, had a couple of fights in Brisbane this month. He drew with ALAN RITCHIE and he outpointed HARRY O'SULLIVAN.

Our best prospect in the bantam division, PETER ELSTON, was overmatched at Sydney Stadium when he was pitted against the experienced JOHNNY GLEESON. Gleeson halted Elston in the 8th.

Here are the month's ratings for Australia as of March 10—

HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Allen Williams, 2. Ken Brady (champion), 3. Rudy Crivac, 4. Sandy Assogna, 5. Frank Farrington.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT. Title vacant. 1. Bruce Farthing, 2. Albert Gall, 3. Chappy Godfrey, 4. Bill Montgomery.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Title vacant. 1. Alfie Sands. 2. Graham Highan. 3. Pat Kenny. 4. Don Johnson. 5. Bill Larrigo.

WELTERWEIGHTS: George Barnes (champion), 2. Tommy Burns, 3. Pran Mikus, 4. Frank Flannery, 5. Darby Brown.

LIGHTWEIGHTS: Pat Ford (champion). 2. Ivor Germaine (who has been resident in Australia long enough to qualify for a shot at the title), 3. Charlie Dunn, 4. Elley Bennett, 5. Americo Agostini.

FEATHERWEIGHTS: 1. Trevor King, 2. Elley Bennett (champion), 3. Ken Wenman, 4. Young Regan, 5. Barney Walker.

BANTAMWEIGHTS: Jimmy Carruthers (World champion), 2. Bobby Sinn (Australian champion), 3. Kevin James, 4. Alan Landers, 5. Johnny Gleeson.

FLYWEIGHTS: Taffy Hancock (champion), 2. Jackie Burke, 3. Teddy Rainbow, 4. Teddy Fitzgerald, 5. Paul Prido.

Results of other 12-round bouts during the month:

At SYDNEY: CARLO MARCHINI K.O.d TOM SCOTT 8. Middleweights. KEVIN CLUES (middle) outpointed LEO BRENNAN (welter). CARLO MARCHINI (middle) K.O.d BILL MONTGOMERY (light-heavy) in 4.

At MELBOURNE: KEVIN CLUES outpointed CHARLIE BEATON. Middles. JOHNNY WHEELER outpointed JIMMY WILDE (Feathers). PHIL BURT outpointed FRANK SCOTT. Lights. BRIAN MEMBREY outpointed RAY FITTON. Lights. BARRY HATCHER outpointed HERB PITTMAN. Feathers.

At BRISBANE: DOUG THORPE K.O.d KEITH SAUNDERS. 5. Lights. KEV CALTAUX outpointed PHIL BURT. Welters.

At BROKEN HILL: JOHNNY DART outpointed GLEN PETTIGREW. Junior Middles. JOHNNY DART outpointed LEN PIPPEN.

At the Sydney Sports Ground on March 24, Freddie Dawson, stopped the British Empire welter champion in six rounds, after a good fight in which Brown showed out well in the early rounds. Dawson, the American who is undefeated in his four visits to Australia, was deadly when he solved the unorthodox southpaw style of the New Zealander.

The fifth round was the beginning of the end. In fact, it should have been the end. Dawson dropped Brown to the canvas four times in that round and had Barry in a bad way, but referee Art Mawson, who is the head man of the Australian Boxing Club which promoted the fight, allowed the slaughter to go on. With the crowd crying out, "Stop it!", Mawson evidently thought that Brown could survive and have a clear head in the sixth. But Barry was still dazed as the bell rang for the start of the 6th and Dawson quickly moved in, dropped him to the canvas again, then when the game New Zealand boy rose, Freddie draped him over the middle rope like the week's washing.

NEWS FROM TOKYO, JAPAN
F. N. Miike

HACHIRO TATSUMI of Japan knocked out Tony Aldeguer of Manila on March 23 to win the Orient middleweight belt. A crowd of 5,000 saw Tatsumi, weighing 149, put away Aldeguer, weighing 155¾, in the sixth.

Hiroshi Okawa became the new featherweight champion of Japan when he kayoed Noboru Tanaka on March 13 in the third round.

The victory of 21-year-old Okawa was the fourth knockout in a show that drew a near-capacity crowd at Ryogoku arena in Tokyo.

Jack Sullivan of the U. S. Army in Japan refereed the semi-final event, which saw Orient featherweight champion Shigeji Kaneko put to sleep Felix Coleman of the U. S. Far East Air Forces in the third round.

Sullivan, who was the third man in the ring in the exhibition world heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano gave in Tokyo last December, is being sought by representatives of Shirai and Espinosa to referee the forthcoming title fight between Shirai and Espinosa.

Larry Bataan of the Philippines, who was stopped in the fifth round in a return match for the Orient featherweight crown by Shigeji Kaneko Jan. 28, outclassed Keijiro Kazama, West Japan lightweight champion in a 10-round bout in Tokyo on March 10.

Takeo Ugo wrested the Japanese welterweight title from Teruo Onuki in a fast 10-round scrap on Feb. 9 in Tokyo. Ugo held the crown for a short spell in 1952.

Hiroshi Horiguchi outpointed Susumi Taguchi in another thrilling 10-round affair for the bantamweight belt of Japan.

In the third championship fight Masashi Akiyama was awarded a questionable foul decision to hold on to his lightweight title against Keijiro Kazama.

SHORT RIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE
By Ralph P. Modder

TWO Siamese boxers, Chai Sitphol and Sodsai visited these shores and put up impressive scraps against our local lads.

Sitphol (115) proved too good for Sonny Chia (119) over 10 rounds. The Siamese, although conceding height and reach, outboxed the local Chinese from the first bell.

Sitphol's countryman, rugged, hard-hitting Sodsai (132½) took a belting from Singapore's top welter Paul Cheng (136½) over 10.

Paul Cheng suffered a reverse when he was stopped by Danny Coates in seven.

Fighting Jamal (115) outpunched Johnny Noble over 6; Ric Padernal of Manila (123) stopped Som See (126½) in 3; Kid Kui (111) decisioned Royal Ali (111) over 4.

It was a night of ups and downs for Billy "Buster" Thompson (148) in his scrap with Paul Cheng (144). The "Buster" who hails from Chatham, England, was no match for the hard-hitting Cheng and ref. L. S. Fond, who held the Singapore flyweight title in the early 30's, called a halt to the one-sided battle in the 5th of the scheduled 10.

Mel Ahmad (125½) k.o. Boy Salleh (125) in 2; Don Razali (122) froze George Poh (123) in 3; Young Celsis (126) iced Tony Hussien (128) in 2; John James (122) and Fighting Yadi (122) drew over 4; Bobby Oh (105) beat Katong Boy (106) over 4.

Lim Kee Chan, Singapore's top featherweight, went across into the Federal capital of Kuala Lumpur, to hand out a solid beating to Thep Vithool over 10 rounds in a featherweight elimination contest for the Malayan title. Both weighed in at 126.

BOXING IN SOUTH TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

GALVESTON, TEXAS—Paul Jorgenson, 136, classy young Port Arthur lightweight, made his first 1954 start, and copped a unanimous ten round decision from Tony Garcia, 134, who now fights out of Corpus Christi.

In the co ten, Chato Hernandez, 138, Durango, stopped George Easterling, 136, Port Arthur, in the ninth round of a savage brawl.

In fours, Charley Butler, 162, Galveston, was stopped in the fourth round by Robert Flores, 152, Houston, both boys making pro debut. Don Riggs, 124, Houston, came out even with Ray Gonzales, 130, Del Rio and in the curtain raiser Everette Joliette, 145, Galveston, lost to Oran "King" Roberts, 140, Jacksonville, Florida.

Galveston, Texas—Before a large crowd at the Galveston Auditorium, El Conscripto, 142, National welter champ of Mexico, hammered out a twelve round decision over Al Juergens, 146, of San Antonio, to become the Texas champion. Conscripto looked great, and was too sharp for the Alamo City kayo artist.

Five four rounders preceded the main go. Manuel Escamilla, 144, Galveston, hammered out a win over Tony Gonzales, 146, Houston. Don Riggs, 126, Houston, impressed with a decision over Ray Gonzales, 130, Del Rio. Lou Sierra, 137, Galveston, nodded Robt. Flores, 145, Houston. Everette Joliette, 140, Galveston, came out even with Eddie Wiloby, 140, Galveston. In the opener, Eddie Williams, 180, Galveston, won a wild four rounder over Jim O'Bryant, 220, Tampa, Fla.

Galveston, Texas—Another great ten round fight was unreeled at the Galveston Auditorium on March 23, with Freddy Monforte, an aggressive welter from Brooklyn's Red Hook section, grabbing a very close decision from the Isle City favorite Chato Hernandez of Durango.

In the six round semi-final, Pirrin Vega, 148, Mexico City, was very impressive in his meeting with the veteran Chango Patino, 148, Houston. Vega was victor by a kayo when Patino could not answer the bell for the fifth.

In another six, Bobby Henry, 128, Orange, dropped a close one to experienced Baby Alaniz. While in fours, Eddie Williams, 180, Galveston, scored a knockout in two rounds over Wilbur Ramsey, 190, Corpus Christi, and in the curtain raiser Eddie Wiloby, 140, Galveston edged Roy Brown, 145, Galveston.

Galveston, Texas—El Conscripto the great welterweight champion of Mexico and Texas scored another fine win by edging Sauveur Chiocca, of Paris, France in a thrilling ten round battle. The rugged Chiocca made a hit with Texas fight fans. Conscripto scaled 142, Chiocca, 138.

In the semi-windup, Jimmy DeLeon, 162, Houston, scored another win by outpunching game Robert Martinez, 160, San Antonio. DeLeon has lot but twice in the past year, both by split decisions. In another six, the very sharp Alex Vargas, 150, Galveston, banged out a win over the rowdy redhead, Al Horton, 155, Sylacauga, Alabama. In fours, Cruz Flores, 135, Houston, hit the comeback trail and came out even with Lou Sierra, 137, Galveston. In the opener, Eddie Williams, 180, Galveston, was kayoed by burly Jimmy O'Bryant, 220, Tampa in two rds.

Ringside Club, Houston, Texas—The initial offering of Promoter Jake Passante and Matchmaker Maxie Russ at the Ringside Club in Houston, saw the former barefooted boy from Cut and Shoot, Tobe Harris, score an eight round decision over the lanky Indian from Oklahoma City, Earle Keel. The fight was close all the way. Harris suffered a broken jaw in the first round. It was the 18th win for Harris in 21 pro fights. He has been stopped twice due to cut eye, and had won no contest. Harris tipped the beam at 163, and Keel, 170.

In the semi-final, Joe Vasquez, 142, Houston, scored an easy win over Baby Valdez, 149, Eagle Lake, in a five rounder. In another five, Lloyd Nelson, 152, Houston, edged McCorl "Spider" Gilmore, 157, Galveston. While in fours, the perpetual motion kid, Don Riggs, 126, Houston, walloped Ray Gonzales, 130, Del Rio. In the opening bout, Tony Gonzales, 145, Houston, dropped a decision to Lou Sierra, 140, Galveston.

Ringside Club, Houston, Texas—After scoring a semi-final win the previous week, Joe Vasquez was brought back to the Ringside Club, and looked very good in knocking out Tony Garcia of Corpus Christi in the eighth round. Vasquez scaled 141, while Garcia came in at 136.

In the simi-windup, the hard hitting Henry Luera, 128, Houston, stiffened Baby Alaniz, 128, Houston, in the second round. In fours, the very aggressive youngster, Don Riggs, 125, Houston, fought like a wildcat to outscore Cornelia Castanada, 128, Houston. Robert Flores, 143, Houston, drew with Tony Gonzales, 145, Houston, while in the opening contest, George Johnson, 158, Houston, iced Robert Sanders, 156, Houston, in the first.

Ringside Club, Houston, Texas—In the top bout of a double eight, the highly regarded Stanley Jones, one of South's top Negro fighters, came through with a convincing win over the veteran Reecy Davis from Greenville. Jones had Davis on the deck twice. Jones came in at 158, Davis at 156. In the co-eight, Jimmy DeLeon, 166, Houston, banged out a hard fought decision over experienced Vince Mazac, 176, Houston.

In a five rounder, Al Horton, 159, Sylacauga, Ala., nodded Pete Sanchez, 150, Houston. What a thriller this one was. Horton was winning handily over the wild swinging Sanchez, but in the fourth the Houston boy hung a haymaker on Horton's jaw, and down went the red head for nine but he lasted out the final two rounds to win the decision.

Don Riggs, 128, Houston, scored a sensational fourth round knockout over Cornelia Castanada, 130, Houston, in the final round. Riggs had his foe down for nine in the third. In the curtain raiser, Tony Gonzales, 146, Houston, stopped Robert Flores, 146, Houston, in the second round. Flores had a broken nose.

Ringside Club, Houston, Texas—In the ten round main go, the fast moving Otho Sligar jabbed his way to a ten round decision over Joe Vasquez, both boys from Houston. Vasquez was the aggressor all the way, just couldn't get out of the way of Sligar's left jab. Sligar scaled 142, Vasquez, 138.

In a bitterly contested five round semi-final, Henry Luera, 129, Houston, edged tough Bobby Henry, 128, Orange. In another five rounder, Al Horton, 158, Sylacauga, Ala., outscored Robert Martinez, 160, San Antonio. While in fours, Lou Sierra, 137, Galveston, won over Cruz Flores, 135, Houston, and Charles Beasley, 145, Houston, impressed with a win over Everette Joliette, 140, Galveston.

San Antonio, Texas—Joe Felan, 143, San Antonio, scored a clean knockout over the New Orleans Italian, Johnny Cauitano, 140, in the fourth round. In the semi-final, Joe Boland, 125, San Antonio, returned to action and banged out a good win over Celso Hidalgo, 128, Mexico City. Danny Cardenas, 150, Los Angeles, stopped Al Horton, 156, Sylacauga, Ala., in the fourth round due to a cut eye. Tom Busby, 188, Lackland AFB, iced Dick Cole, 197, Brooks AFB, in two rounds. In the opener, Howard Lewis, 133, Comfort, hammered out a four round win over Joe O'Toole, 130, San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas—In the top bout of a co ten, Jimmy Curl, 169, San Antonio, put Tino Longoria, 162, Houston, away with a left to the stomach in the second round.

In the other ten, Jolting Joe Moran, 172, San Antonio, stopped Indian Earle Keel, 177, Oklahoma City, in the fifth round due to a badly cut eye. According to the press Keel was ahead on points up until the time the bout was halted.

In a six rounder, Rocky Caballero, 140, Austin, was hard pressed in taking a decision from the Los Angeles cutey, Danny Cardenas, 147. In fours, Lee Keel, 135, Oklahoma City, suffered his first pro setback when he was stopped by Joe Flores, 137, Laredo, in the third round. In the opener, Byron Steel, San Antonio, won over Tony Castillo, San Antonio, in a battle of lightweights.

Bastrop, Louisiana—In the main event of a Larche Campbell promotion at Bastrop, Louisiana, Clarence Cook, 147, Bastrop, stiffened Baby Valdez, 149, Eagle Lake, in the sixth round of a ten round battle.

In the semi-windup, Al Horton, 159, Sylacauga, Ala., needed three rounds to ice Cline Elledge, 155, Tallulah veteran. In fours, Paul Goat Jones, 128, Bastrop, was stopped by Royce Weeks, 128, Farmerville, while in the opener Chango Patino, 152, Houston, stopped Roth Savage, 155, Monroe, in three sessions.

Around the fight circle . . . One of the most pleasing prelim scrappers here is Roy Beard's dynamic punching youngster, Don Riggs. Joe Felan, Bill Davee's fast moving and hard punching lightweight from San Antonio, is ready to move out against the better 137 pounders. El Conscripto, the great welterweight titleholder of Texas and Mexico, has gone over big down Galveston way. Stanley Jones, George Brown's capable middleweight, racked up another good win during the month when he defeated Reecy Davis. Jones is only 25 years old, but he has been a pro for seven years with but four losses, and he's reversed each.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

SANTIAGO ESTEBAN, Los Angeles, junior welterweight, made his second local ring appearance at the Coliseum arena, losing a split ten round decision to Ralph Dupas, Southern lightweight champion. Promoter Bonnie Geigerman staged the show and played to a near sellout in the historic Coliseum arena with the gate grossing $12,000.

Ralph, after a long layoff and recovering from a back injury, scaled down to 135½ compared to Esteban's 139½ pounds but was not too sharp or aggressive. Esteban set the pace from the opening gong. The decision seemed to be a popular one to the majority of the 4,464 fans.

"Speedy" Davidson, 122¾, Opelousas, La., scored his seventh straight win by chalking up a split decision over Celso Hidalgo, 119¾, San Antonio, Tex., in the six round semi-final. Davidson has stopped five of seven professional opponents. Hidalgo made a gallant losing fight, being handicapped in size and weight. Davidson is a good hitter for his weight.

Clarence Cook, Bastrop, La., 149¾, scored a two round kayo over Leonard Charbert, Cutoff, La., 152. Nolan Duplessis, 139¾, chalked up a one round tko over Billy Cooper, New Orleans, 140½. Clyde Mayberry, 142, Pittsburg, scored a one round kayo over "Rocky" Starza, 144½, New Orleans.

Judge Eddie "Kid" Wolfe tabbed five rounds for Dupas, three for Esteban and two even. Referee Francis Kerchevel voted five rounds each but awarded Esteban the edge for aggressiveness and cleaner punching. Judge Phil Gaffney voted nine rounds for Dupas and one for Esteban.

Promoter Larche Campbell, who stages fights at the American Legion Hall, Bastrop, La., has been giving the fans rousing fights and drawing nice crowds. Clarence Cook, Bastrop idol, won a ten round decision over Augustin Vega, of Mexico City, Vega was making his first start in the states and made a big hit in losing the decision. They are middleweights.

In the six round semifinal, Norris Ray, Bastrop, La., welterweight fought a draw with Al (Red) Horton, Louisville, Ky., Rod Savage, Monroe, La., decisioned Young Max Johnson, of Bastrop, in a four. Gene Sergeant, Tallulah, La., now of Monroe, lost by a one round tko to Griver Bass, McGeehe, Ark. The Legion Hall played to a sellout.

Professional managers and fighters in the four, six and eight round divisions in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Georgia can contact Boxing promoter Bonnie Geigerman at 4330 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La., and promoters Allen Lacombe and Louis Messina at Curley Galiano's gymnasium, 710 Poydras Street, New Orleans, La., for work here.

A Correction. In reporting a four round fight between Alvin Boudreaux, Westwego, La., and Benny DiMarco, New Orleans, staged on Jan. 2, I wrote that DiMarco won a split decision over Alvin Boudreaux. It was an error. Boudreaux won the four round split decision.

Willie Pastrano, 18 year old New Orleans welterweight, engaged in his first bout of the 1954 season at the Coliseum arena topping promoter Allen LaCombe's fistic card opposing 24 year old Jimmy Martinez, Glendale, Ariz., in the feature ten round bout. Pastrano who recently joined the Benedicts showed effects of his long layoff.

The middleweight bout was LaCombe's initial bout of a tournament amongst the 160 pounders. Pastrano made a fast finish to win the unanimous decision after the fighters were off to a slow start in the first four frames. Martinez weighed 156, Pastrano 157¾.

In a special eight round added attraction, Alvin Pellegrini, local middleweight making his first start after a layoff, scored a five round kayo over Norris Ray, Bastrop, La., in the fifth. Pellegrini weighed 154, Ray 156 pounds.

Clyde Mayberry, Pittsburgh, Pa., 141½, continued on his winning ways by scoring a four round kayo over Nolan Duplessis, New Orleans, 141¾. Houston Taylor, New Orleans, 139, scored a one round tko over Bruce Orgeron, local 138 pounder in a four. 1298 fans paid a gross gate of $2481.

Fistic pot shots: Young McGovern, New Orleans lightweight contender, who in the early twenties was a card here, in California and Havana, Cuba, is a daily visitor to Galiano's gymnasium. McGovern was a classy fighter and was handled by Eddie Sears, who later piloted Mushy Callahan, to the world's junior welterweight title.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

JOE BAKSI returned to the fistic wars at Jacksonville after a two year layoff and about one dozen clean, effective punches were all that Joe neded to polish off Billy Smith, of Aiken, S. C. in the first round of a scheduled 10 rounder on March 30. Smith, a game boy, scored with several good head blows but Baksi's were more authoritative and the Carolinan went out like a light. Baksi, of Kulpmont, Pa., living in Miami, tipped 239 and the loser, who suffered a cut eye and inside mouth cuts, weighed 225. Irving Kaye promoted and Hymie Levine was at the matchmaking helm.

Davey Seabrooke, 130, Jacksonville, took the measure of fellow townsman, Freddie Wods, 127, by a TKO in three. Dale Farris, 131, Jacksonville, drew in four with Al Quinn, 135, New York City, in the best fight of the night. Art Nelson, 163, Jacksonville, TKOed Billy Wright, 161, Kittrell, N. C., in two.

In a rhubarb similar in a way to the past Joey Giardello-Billy Graham battle, the writer is asking Ring Magazine Editor Nat Fleischer to referee judgment on a scheduled sixer between Jackie Luke and Jimmy Brown, both Jaxons. Here 'tis: Luke, leading on points after one and one-half rounds, unintentionally threw a low blow that dropped Brown in agony. The commission doctor didn't enter the ring for a few moments but Referee Carl Sivers and handlers from both corners quickly grouped on the fallen fighter in effort to help. They found Brown's cup, of the cheap make, dented. Afterwards, Sivers called the bout a technical draw. Later the announcer stepped in the ring and said the fight was awarded on a foul to Brown. Sivers still stuck to his own decision.

Nat's decision is that the referee's verdict is what counts. The doctor has no say in rendering a decision.

For his nice ring work in Florida and the splendid record accumulated in the Sunshine State, Larry Boardman, young Marlboro, Conn. lightweight, was honored by The Ring Magazine with the Month's Best Lightweight Prospect call in it's May issue.

Charley Norkus, the Bayonne, N. J. boy who sprung into prominence by belting Tampa's Danny Nardico for a ninth round TKO at Miami Beach, repeated a victory over the courageous Nardico in a nationally televised bout in the Nation's Playground on March 24. Unlike the first battle when eight knockdowns high-lighted the mix, the return bout nevertheless proved hard-fought and went to a decision in 10 rounds. The Chris Dundee-International Boxing Club co-promotion attracted a record crowd of 4,059 and a record gate, $17,710, surpassing the recent Kid Gavilan-Johnny Cunningham match figures. Norkus told Nardico, by use of two hand batterings, Danny belonged with the light-heavies. The pull in weights, 197¼ to 180¼, favoring Charley, was too much for the Tampan.

On the Norkus-Nardico undercard: Joe Brown, 135¼, New Orleans, won the semi-final tenner from Isaac Logart, 144, Havana, Cuba. Larry Mujica won an eighter from Jose Lyara in the best scrap on the card. Mujica at 142, calls Miami home and Lyara, 150¼, is from Havana. Vince Bonomo, 144¼, New Orleans, whipped Norman Fletcher, 137½, Florence, S.C., in a four and Yama Bahama, 155, Bimini and Miami, kept on with his winning ways in taking a four from Humphrey Humphries, 147, Miami. Yama is a protege of famous golfer Sammy Snead and is undefeated in the pro ring.

Jacksonville lightweight boxer Davey Seabrooke, who also fights as Little David, dropped a 10 rounder to Armando Lopez, of Cuba, in Havana, while another Jaxon, Willie (Kid) Johnson was stopped in three in the same city in a bout with the good Cuban welter, Charlito.

Emil Cody, who campaigned in Florida before retiring just before World War II, has come up with another fistic development, he writes from Superior, Arizona. The new boxing star is Eddie Guerrerro, a 21 year old lightweight from Globe, Arizona. Guerrerro is an ex-sailor and winner of Navy titles in his division, including the Sixth Naval and Mediterranean championships. As a pro, Eddie has had 19 pro bouts won them all execepting one, a draw.

Ed Pierce, Miami Daily News chief photographer, was one of the 10 winners in Look Magazine's recent 1953 All Sports Photo Contest among 800 entries. Ed's shot was on boxing. Pierce's winning pic, "Eight . . . Nine . . . Ten" showed knocked out fighter, Rocky Tomasello almost out of the ring on his back with the mouthpiece hanging out the corner of his mouth. Neno (King) Solomon was the winning fighter of the July, 1953 bout.

Lady Luck deserted Florida's top fighters in the past several months it seems. Danny Nardico's two losses to Charley Norkus; Willie Pep's loss to Lulu Perez; Bobby Dykes' losing effort to Tiger Ralph Jones, Billy Kilgore's loss to Walter Cartier and Billy Lauderdale's vain attempt at lightweight champ Jimmy Carter, weren't taken too lightly by Florida boxing fans.

Charley (Doc) Williams had the right medicine to tame the tiger, Clint Bacon, in a dull match at Miami Beach but it wasn't too potent, even if he brought home the becon. Williams, 187½, Jacksonville, muffed opportunities when Bacon was wide open. The Jacksonville heavy dug some hard rights but wouldn't follow up. The loser, tipping 177¾, is from Death Valley, California.

Billy Lauderdale, 148, Hialeah, engaged in one of the two best fights on the card and his triumph over Bobby Elliott, 150¼, Miami and Louisville, boosted his boxing stock. Elliott lost by a big margin but he never stopped trying to catch the fleet Billy. Once he tagged his foe, in the seventh and Lauderdale hit the deck.

In the other action 10, Irwin Schultz, 169, New York, blocked the comeback path of Reuben Jones, winning the fight by outpunching the 180 pound new resident of Miami. Another scheduled tenner ended in the fourth with Isaac Logart, 136½, Havana, stopping Honey Boy Williams, 135, Miami. Chris Dundee promoted. The attendance, 2,062 and the gate, $3,500.

Coley Wallace, Jacksonville and Harlem heavyweight contender made a personal appearance for the "Joe Louis Story" in his Southern home town.

Fighting one of his ones, Archie Moore, world's light-heavyweight king pounded out a technical knockout in nine rounds over Bob Baker, big Pittsburgh heavyweight, at Miami Beach. It was Moore all the way. The loser weighed 209 and the winner, who hopes to get a crack at heavyweight boss Rocky Marciano, tipped his heaviest, 190¼. He's from San Diego, Cal.

Larry Mujica, 140¾, Miami, took Marvin Dick, 136, Brooklyn, in an eight semi. Tom Tatum, 171, Miami, TKOed Eddie Donawa, 167¼, Miami, in two. Vince Bonomo, 144, New Orleans, whipped Ronnie DePriest, 148, Roanoke, Va., in four. Aldo Menti, 142, Niagara Falls, scored in a four over Norman Fletcher, 138, Roanoke and Florence, S.C., and Richard Fryman, 140, Paris, Ky., knocked out Larry Oronata, 140, New Orleans, in a single round. Chris Dundee promoted. The attendance at 2,794, and the gate, $10,080.

Cleveland (Cleve) Williams, of Tampa, scored a first round stopper over Jimmy Walls, 187, of Englewood, N. J., in a Tampa main event, March 9th. Williams tipped 202. Al Garcia promoted.

Dick Lee, former welterweight boxer, is doing a great job with amateur boxing in Miami. In his prime, Lee was managed by Cal Cagni, a welterweight and middleweight contender under Al Weill a few years ago.

Billy Lauderdale, 144, and Larry Mujica, 141, waged a 10 round draw war at Fort Lauderdale, before only 300 fans. The card, a Shrine Benefit, was promoted by Chris Dundee. The pair had met previously in a West Palm Beach ring and Lauderdale won by a close decision. This time, Referee Eddie Coachman saw it all-even.

Reuben Jones, 190, New York, Virginia and Miami, made his comeback and TKOed Billy Pappas, 188, Reading, Pa., in the seventh. Tony Necro, Youngstown, Ohio, whipped Ronnie DePriest, Roanoke, Va., in six. Jimmy Constanza, 147, Canostota, N. Y., beat Chris Perry, Miami, in a four. Eddie Forbs, Fort Lauderdale, decisioned Johnny Shane, Miami, in four.

Sixteen hundred fight folks sat in at West Palm Beach and watched Irwin Schultz, 165 pounder from New York, battle his way to a 10 round decision over Jimmy Jewell, of Birmingham, in the main event. Tommy Bazzano, 149½, Middleton, Conn., proved the smarter and better hitter in an eight semi with Jose Lyara, 150, of San Paulo, Brazil and Havana, Cuba. Brazzano looked good. Bo Willis, 190, Miami, knocked out Al McGhee, 180, Miami, in the third. Richie Fryman, 140, Paris, Ky., whipped Sonny Sheon, 137, Miami, in four. Chris Perry, 148, Pittsburgh and Miami, in four, also scored, taking the measure of Eddie Alexander, 146, Roanoke, Va. Chris Dundee was matchmaker.

A little more pressure by Billy Kilgore could have won him the fight with Walter Cartier but his failure cost him a 10 round decision and the chance to square accounts with the Greenwich Village New Yorker when they fought at Miami Beach. For their fine showing, the crowd of 2,978, paying $7,835, applauded the boys. Billy's losing fight was however one of his best. He weighed 163½, and the winner, 163.

Clint Bacon, 175, Death Valley, Cal., TKOed Andy Mayfield, 165¼, Miami, in two. Tony Necro, 160, Warren and Youngstown, Ohio, TKOed Bill Downing, 150, Lakewood, N. J., in five. Yama Bahama, 155, Bimini and Miami promising lad, kayoed Jimmy Wilson, 155½, West Palm Beach, in two. Aldo Menti, 144, Niagara Falls, decisioned Ronnie DePriest, 146, Roanoke, Va., in four, and Chris Perry, 154, Pittsburgh and Miami, drew with Jimmy Castanza, 154, Syracuse, in four. Chris Dundee promoted.

In a few words about Jake LaMotta's comeback at West Palm Beach with Johnny Pretzie. Both were terrible. The less said about Jake's comeback, the better. Jake, should have stayed retired. He scaled 169¾, and Pretzie, 188. The other bouts were good. Yama Bahama, 150, Bimini and Miami, won over Larry Wells, 150, Miami, in four. Sgt. Earl Wilkerson, Palm Beach AF, won from Bolvin Deveaux, Nassau, in four and each tipped 150. Chris Perry, 148, Pittsburgh and Miami, beat Eddie Alexander, 152, Roanoke, in four. Ronnie DePriest, Va., beat Pete Acosta, 145, New Orleans, in four and Sonny Sheon, 130, Miami, posted a kayo over Jerome Chong, 125, New Orleans.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

WE had one professional show put on by the Dell's Boxing Club. The feature attraction was between two local featherweights, Sonny Atzinger and Eddie Cooper. This was a six-round affair and was one of those punch for punch battles. Atzinger came from behind in the last round winning the six round decision by a very narrow margin. Eddie Hammond of Louisville, 132, won a split decision over Jerry Schwartz, 135, University of Kentucky, in a sixer.

The rest of the card, all four-rounders. Ken Burkhead, 130, decisioned Kenneth Mattingly, 132. Bobby Spears, 140, knocked out Junie Williams in the second round. John Morse, 145, knocked out Gene Duke, 140, in one round. Alvin Perkins, 180, knocked out Willie Neubold, 182, in the second round and Sherman Williams, 169, won a decision over Lee Mulligan, 167.

Louisville had one of it's most successful Golden Gloves Tournaments and as usual, a number of boys showed promise. The boys most likely to succeed later on in professional boxing were: James W. O'Keefe, Rich Keeling, Billy Williams, Nate Ellison, Barry Stevens and Gene Greasham. Two of the boys went to the finals in Chicago and were also picked on the Chicago team that went to New York. The two boys picked were: Billy Williams, featherweight and Nate Ellison, a light heavyweight.

Joe Brooks, who promotes at the Jefferson City. Armory, renewed his license for another year and it is rumored that he is hiring Charlie Jones, veteran fight manager, and who was also Sammy Angott's manager the former lightweight champion of the world.

BOXING FROM THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

A good size crowd turned out for the first boxing shows of the year in Charlotte, N. C. In the main bout, former middleweight champion Jake LaMotta, 169, New York City, now on the comeback trail scored a phantom kayo over Al McCoy, 160, Tampa, Fla., in the first. Claude Chapman, 170, Augusta, Ga. stopped Jack Batson, 173, Wilmington, N. C., in 2. Richie Rhodes, 152, Charlotte, stopped Benny Ditt, 150, Charlotte, 5. Curtis Ennis, 122, Charlotte, drew with Maurice Treadway, 121, Aiken, 4; Jerry Bradley, 173, Charlotte, kayoed Paul Hensley, Ashville, in 1. Former lightweight champion Beau Jack boxed a four round exhibition.

In a show at Aiken, Richie Rhodes, 152, Charlotte, stopped a fat Don Bowman, 142, Ashville, 4, and Claude Chapman, 171, Augusta, Ga., scored a big upset by stopping Leo Johnson, 177, Charlotte, in the fourth.

Bobby Lee Headden, Charlotte flyweight, who is unbeaten since turning pro, is one of the better looking young fighters in the south.

The fine showing made by the Charlotte Golden Glove team in the Eastern finals, and in the Inter-City champions, has helped perk up the fistic sport here in the Carolinas.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

BOBBY COURCHESNE, 128¼, Chicopee, won a clear cut eight round decision over Myrel Olmstead, 126, Springfield, in a card which proved to the promoters that the fans will turn out for cards with local interest in preference to cards headed by 'name' fighters. The Springfield boy had an edge in the first heat but Courchesne copped all the rest. Many of the rounds were won by the narrowest of margins as Olmstead was in the fight all the way.

Rinzy Nocero, 160, Covington, Ky., scored another local win by belting out Ray Bell, 160¼, Newark, N. J., in the fifth round. Nate Donnell, 140¼, New York, edged out a six round win over clowning Lem Harvey, 145, Brooklyn. Billy (Kid) Clark, 141½, Westfield, made it three straight over Young Sharkey, 140¼, Holyoke, in a four rounder. Clark won by a wider margin this time. Gerry Tessier, 158, Springfield, took a four spot from Johnny Cox, 159¾, New York. In the opener, Tony Deleano, 141, Waterbury, outpunched Ed McColgan, 140½, Haydenville, in four rounds.

Bobby Courchesne, 128, Chicopee, experienced little difficulty disposing of George Abarca, 131, billed as from Chile. Abarca was down in the first, twice in the second round, and down two more times in the third before Referee Joe Cashman halted the bout.

Barry Allison, 144½, Westover AFB, had to come off the floor in the first round to punch out a clear cut win over Herman Gary, 142, Waterbury, in the semi-final. It was a fast punching affair. Gerry Tessier, 163, Springfield, on the short end of the scoring, suddenly found that his foe, Leroy Faison, 162, New York, did not like 'em in the breadbasket. Gerry was able to score a fifth round knockout.

Eddie McColgan, 140, Haydenville, avenged a week-old defeat by scoring a four round decision over Tony Delfano, 141, Waterbury. George Stephany, 126, Brooklyn, and Nick Devanno, 126, Norwich, Conn., ended up all even at the end of four. Lem Harvey, 148, Brooklyn, won a split duke over Sonny Jones, 139½, Cliffside, N. J.

Brian Kelly, 139, Niagara Falls, Ont., was hard put to win an eight round decision over Earl Dennis, 141½, Wilmington, Del., in the feature bout. Kelly racked up points with a fast left jab.

Rinzy Nocero, 156, Covington, Ky., hammered out a fourth round knockout over Jim Dalton, 156, Providence, R. I., in the semi-final. Barry Allison, 145½, Westover AFB, continued to be the most improved local fighter as he stopped Nate Donnell, 142½, New York, in the fifth round. Leo Houle, 140, Holyoke, won over an ill-conditioned Bill Coty, 136, West Springfield, in a four rounder. Coty formerly fought under the name of Johnny Scott when he was stationed at Westover AFB.

George Stephany, 125, Brooklyn, proved too experienced for Eddie Chev, 122¼, Southwick, who was making his pro debut. Chev, who boxed in the amateurs under the name of Kid Chick, was stopped in the final round of their four spot. Lem Harvey, 147, Brooklyn beat the green but willing Jim Ball, 142, Torrington, Conn., in the four round opener.

Bobby Courchesne, 129, Chicopee, surprised most of us by taking a clear cut eight rounder from Art Mullen, 122½, Philadelphia. Courchesne was superb.

Herman Gary, 139¾, Waterbury, crashed Ray Lynah, 139, Norwalk, Conn., to the canvas in the first round with a right to the jaw. Lynah arose in no condition to continue. Jimmy Doxie, 164, New York, finished strong to take a sixer from Leroy Faison, 164¼, New York. Young Sharkey, 142, Holyoke, was outboxed until he caught up with Sonny Jones, 140, Cliffside, N. J., and belted him out in the third heat.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THE dean of Buffalo sports editors, William J. Kelly, died during the month at the age of 75. Mr. Kelly retired recently as sports editor of the Courier-Express after 50 years service. In earlier years Kelly was also one of Buffalo's outstanding boxing promoters being associated with the late Charlie Murray. They ran the Queensberry A. C.

Joey Giambra, rising young Buffalo middleweight, has joined the U. S. Army for a two-year stint. Joey is 23 years old and expects to return to the ring when he completes his military duties.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

FRANKIE TRAVIS copped another sectional title this time via his featherweight star Harold "Chubby" Gomes. Frankie also manages Steve Marcello, New England welter king, and George Araujo, former feather and lightweight title holder.

Promoter Manny Almeida is packing them in at the Arcadia featuring new local talent. Belting Billy Burke, local heavy, is gaining a wide following.

Colorful Jackie Lovatt, former New England middleweight king, is ready to return to ring warfare. Dick McHale's tiger sold out the Arcadia on numerous occasions a few years ago.

Joe De Rosa has a colorful welter in Izzy Angelo who returned to the ring after a hitch in the armed forces.

Arcadia: Gerry Dreyer, South Africa, 150, scored a fifth round tko over Billy Andy, 151, Providence.

Irish Pat Caddick, 149, Providence, stopped Joe Arruda, 144, Fall River in four. Joe DiPierro, 145, Woonsocket, stopped Norman Shaw, 145, Fall River, in the second. Jack Ryan, 193, Cranston, stopped Tony Stroller, 193, Fall River in 55 seconds in the first round.

Flashy Pat Cody, 137, Providence, whipped Eddie Cambell, 133, Pawtucket, in four. Young Wills, 120, Providence, beat Eddie Linsey, 120, Fall River in four.

Arcadia: Belting Billy Burke, 183, Providence, stopped Jack Ryan, 189, Cranston. Jimmy Champagne, 150, Philadelphia, beat Eddie Silvia, 148, New Bedford in the co-feature eight.

In a torrid six round slugfest, Speedy Pat Cody, 141, Providence, was outpointed by Joe DiPierro, 145, Woonsocket. Pat Kelly, 138, Lawrence, beat Truman Jarrett, 137, Providence, in six. Izzy Angelo, 148, Providence, stopped Richard Pina, 155, New Bedford in four.

George Araujo, 139, Providence, stopped Jacques Julien, 143, Paris, in the third round. Araujo floored Julien in the first and battered his foe in the second.

Gordon Perry, 146, Providence, beat Bert Gagnon, 152, Lewiston, in six.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD, Graham Holmes 134, Manchester, and Tommy Tibbs 132, Boston, headlined Hartford's first boxing show in 5 months. Holmes, a skillful boxer, used hit and hold tactics and earned a clean cut decision over the willing Tibbs.

Billy Lynch 142, Hartford, won his tenth straight pro fight over Barry Allison 143, Westover Field, Mass. Gerald Tessier 166, Springfield, decisioned George Jeffers 172, Hartford, in a four. The gross gate of $1,518.25 will encourage Promoter Manny Leibert to comeback with another show in the near future.

Waterbury.—Before one of the largest crowds of the season, 1,034 fans, and a gross take of $2,036, local favorite Irish Pat Mallane, 133½, Union City, made it two straight KO wins over slick boxing Johnny Lemonn, 130, New York, by knocking him cold in the second round, with a right cross to the mouth and a stunning left hook to the head. Up to this point it was a stirring battle with Lemonn, the boxer, and Mallane, the slugger, going at it like a couple of alley cats. It was Mallane's sixth straight KO win in a Waterbury ring.

Billy Tisdale 183, Bridgeport, was awarded a 2 round TKO over Larry Zernitz, 180, New Haven. Zernitz suffered a bloody nose and the bout was stopped on recommendation of the attending physician after the 2nd round.

Hartford.—Johnny Cesario, 151½, Hartford, who only recently announced his retirement to spend more time with his jewelry business, made a succcessful comeback against Wesley Lowrey 150, Saginaw, Mich., in the feature 8 round bout at Hartford's second show within the month. Cesario, a little rusty at times, had too much ring savvy for the willing Lowrey who did his best to make a fight of it. In the 8 round semi-final Graham Holmes, 135, decisioned Filberto Osario, 131, Puerto Rico. The best bout of the night, a six, pitted Larry Boardman 133, Marlborough, and Pat Kelly, 135, Lawrence, Mass. Kelly, a rugged Irishman, swapped punches with Boardman all the way and although he was knocked down five times, he shook-up Boardman on several occasions. In the sixth Kelly again was decked and at this point the referee figured he had enough for one evening and awarded Boardman a TKO win.

In two other sixes Billy Lynch, 141, kayoed Sid Swanson, 138, Allentown, Pa., in the first round, and Vinnie Ricco, 126, Hartford, easily outpointed Bob West, 122, Providence. The gross gate was $1,674.

Charlie Litwinas, recently discharged from 3 years service in the Marines, expects to resume boxing in Hartford in the near future. Litwinas won the Camp Lejeune heavyweight championship in 1953.

The Connecticut Boxing Guild, who annually honor outstanding personalities in boxing, this year honored Christopher "Bat Battalino, former World's featherweight champion from Hartford, in commenoration of his 25th year since winning the title in 1929.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

THE Columbus Boxing and Wrestling Commission reelected Less Scrimger its chairman.

Pat Lowry, who has been doing pretty well, ran into a snag when he was suspended by the Grand Rapids and Toledo Commissions and failing to fight Gene Parker. Pat claimed illness.

Hein Ten Hoff, former German heavyweight champion, made his Ohio debut a winning one when he stopped Ralph Schneider of Chicago, in Cincinnati. The bout was stopped in the fifth round. Becker Brothers promoted the affair.

Dick Vest who fought as a welter out of Dayton, is now a full-fledged wrestler.

The Golden Gloves tournament in Columbus, like that in many other big cities, took a big drop in attendance. There doesn't seem to be the interest in the amateurs as in the past.

At Saginaw, Mich., Hank Steinert staged a good show. Bob Hughes of Warren, Ohio and Bob Ames of Detroit engaged in a brawl. Hughes, who appeared in Michigan on other occasions under the name of Kid Alfonso, handed Ames a shellacking.

The tamest bout was that between George Powell of Detroit and Neil Welsh with Powell winning the decision but not before Powell had absorbed plenty of punishment.

Eddie Zaremba, promising middleweight from Jackson, knocked out Fred Dansbury of Detroit in 2.19 of the second round. Stout John Mintner of Detroit, 220 pounds, gained a decision over Al Adams, 203.

The gate was $4,059.79.

Pat Harrison, Columbus heavyweight, put the skids under King Solomon of Chicago in eight rounds in the semi-final of the Rocky Casillo vs. Joey Klein, which featured the Dayton nationally televised show.

Oba Bronko Yanctey, an Irish-Indian heavyweight, made his Ohio debut by stopping Frank Vaughn of Granville, Ohio. The winner comes from Santa Ana, Texas. He started fighting in the US Navy and is 22 years old. He is a colorful fellow. He is part Cherokee and part Comanche Indian. He has won 6 of his ten fights, four by knockouts.

Charley Slaughter was an easy mark for Sandy Saddler at Akron. Slaughter called it quits in the fourth round. He raised his hands in token of defeat.

Rocky Castellani bagged a TKO victory over Phil Rizzo in six. Jackie Blair made a good showing here when he won over Davey Moore of Springfield, O., in ten heats. Johnny Darby of Paterson, N. J., was stopped by Reggie Alotti of Milan. A deep cut was the cause. The doctor intervened in the fourth.

Ron Delaney of Akron and Jimmy Welch of Columbus, met in the final ten rounder and it resulted in a draw. Ted Tanglis, a Cleveland welter, won a four rounder over Davey Miles of Akron.

Ohio amateur boxers ended up winning two titles in the Western Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago. Garvin Sawyer, Cincinnati, won over George Harrison, Columbus, to take the heavyweight crown, and Orville Pitts, of Dayton, copped the light heavyweight title.

Cincinnati will turn out for good fights. This was proven in the two shows sponsored there by Arthur Wirtz. Both shows drew capacity crowds and about $17,000 each. Then Hein Ten Hoff was matched with Ralph Schneider and this one drew but $3,400.

At Toledo, Sid Goldberg staged a show featured by Cisco Andrade and Hoacine Khalfi with Andrade the winner in the ten rounder. Khalfi hit the deck in the seventh round, for the only knockdown of the fight. It was the first fight in the U. S. for Khalfi who is from Algiers.

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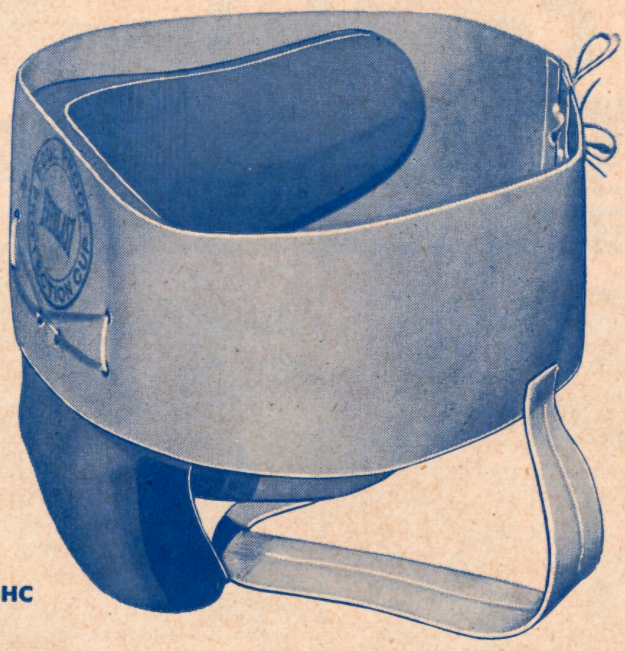

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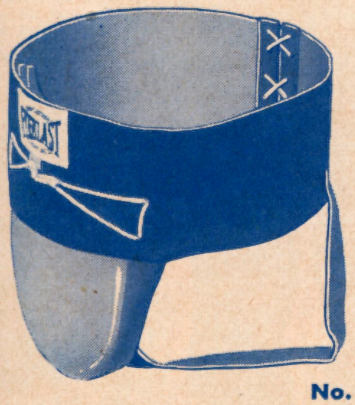

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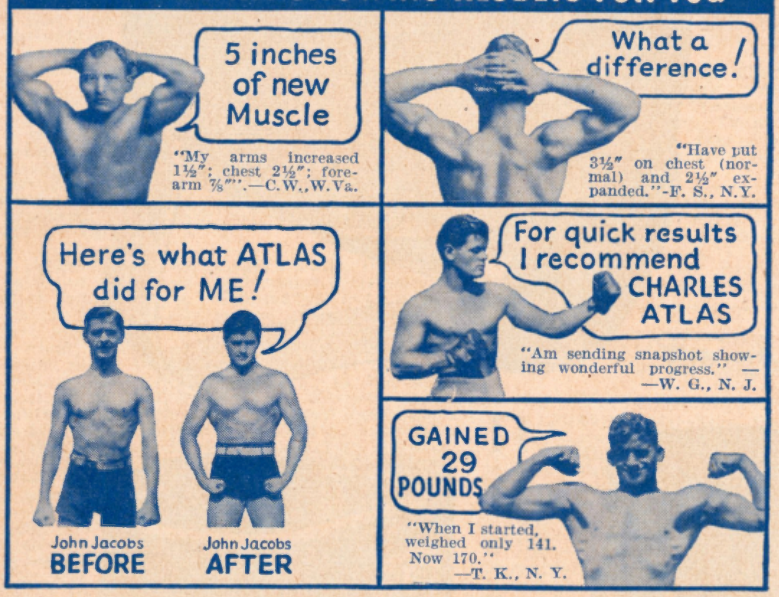

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